



UC football players explode on to Nippert at the home opener UC vs UT Martin, Thursday Sept. 1, 2016.

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The Bearcats take down the Purdue Boilermakers 38-20 at Ross-Ade Stadium. UC will take on No. 6 Houston at Nippert Stadium this upcoming Thursday.

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File art from UC vs UT Martin at Nippert Stadium Thursday September 1, 2016.

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CAPS services locked at three

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The University of Cincinnati Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) have eliminated two of the five free individual sessions first introduced in the 2016 fiscal year.

The number of free individual sessions offered by CAPS has been reduced to three as of Aug. 22.

The 2016 fiscal year was the first year CAPS offered five free individual sessions to all CAPS clients regardless of their financial need, according to Debra Merchant, president of Student Affairs.

After the five free sessions were implemented, usage of CAPS services increased by 130 percent.

Despite this, the number of free sessions was reduced to three after CAPS concluded that 84 percent of students reported "feeling better" after attending three sessions, based on the Counseling Center Assessment of Psychological Symptoms.

The CAPS website states that most students typically use between six and eight individual therapy sessions and, according to Merchant, the total number of clients that are in individual therapy is 96 percent.

For students not covered under University Student Health Insurance (SHI) who seek more than three therapy sessions, paying for CAPS services may become expensive.

Students with SHI taking individual therapy will have a co-pay under \$7, while those covered under outside insurance agencies could pay up to \$35.

Group therapy sessions with CAPS are free to all students.

Anahita Sharma, a fourth-year liberal arts major, has experienced the costliness of CAPS services prior to the institution of free sessions.

"I actually went to CAPS before we had five free sessions and it cost about \$60 per session, and for some people that's not attainable," said Sharma. "A lot of people cannot afford a price that is that steep

and it's just completely inaccessible."

In an effort to reinstate the five free sessions, Sharma suggests a redistribution of student fees.

"I think that part of our tuition money or our campus life fund should go towards ensuring that we have free sessions at CAPS," said Sharma. "There are a lot of things listed under my campus life [fee] that I don't use."

All students, except those in the UC Blue Ash & UC Clermont Colleges, are required to pay the Campus Life Fee of \$514 per year.

This required fee covers various recreational and entertainment facilities as well as programming that can be utilized by all students to enhance the campus environment and increase student engagement, according to UC's website.

Only 7,281 students out of over 40,000, or 16 percent, have SHI, according to Dr. Glenn Egelman, executive director of University Health Services.

Kent State University, Miami University and the University of Dayton provide free counseling and individual therapy services for their employees and students, while Ohio University students can use up to 20 free sessions in an academic year due to a "WellBeing" fee.

Because the three free sessions have proven effective for students, the cut back will increase the availability of the service to students, according to Merchant.

"Three free sessions per student provides opportunities for other students to schedule therapy sessions," Merchant said.



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UC vs Houston: the big test that will impact AAC, Big 12 outcomes

JASON SZELEST | STAFF REPORTER

With the No. 6 University of Houston Cougars visiting Nippert Stadium Thursday, the University of Cincinnati football team will face arguably their toughest opponent of the season.

To highlight the game's importance, it will be aired on ESPN at a primetime 7:30 p.m. slot —meaning the entire country will be watching.

First and foremost, this game is critical for determining who will win the American Athletic Conference.

The Cougars took the title last year, so the Bearcats will have to go through the champs if they hope to bring the championship back to Cincinnati.

"This is the third game of the season, first conference game, and there is a lot on the line for us obviously,"

head coach Tommy Tuberville said. "We're looking [at this game] trying to win a conference championship."

The players also know what is at stake when the highly touted Cougars come to visit.

"It is an unbelievable opportunity and we just want to seize the moment. It has been very exciting around campus with all the hype," senior running back Tion Green said. "You want to treat every game like the biggest game, but you can't hide the fact that this is the number six team in the country."

With the size of the stage this game has been presented, look for another factor to come into play.

Both Cincinnati and Houston are among the narrow list of candidates still receiving consideration to enter the Big 12 conference.

With the Big 12 trimming its list to 11 at the beginning of this month, the decision on who the two or four schools will be certainly seems near.

When two of the remaining schools are squaring off on national television this close to the decision date, you can bet the Big 12 will be watching very closely.

"It is an unbelievable opportunity for the future of this program," Green said. "[The seniors], we are all going to give everything we got to help benefit this program for the future. We want to get this for the program and this city."

Tuberville tried to downplay the significance of this game with regard to the Bearcats potential entry to the Big 12.

"I would imagine all those decisions are already made," Tuberville said. "It is your body of work, it is not

about a football game."

Whether he was attempting to redirect focus onto the game itself, or if he knows something the general public does not, something appears to still be up in the air with the fact that no announcement has yet been made declaring who will join the Big 12.

Even if the conference has already come to a tentative decision, a Bearcats victory over a top-10 school, also under consideration, can only improve their chances.

The Bearcats might have a little something extra going in their favor for this one as well. Since 2002, the Bearcats are 10-1 in home games played on Thursday night.

"It is Cincinnati football — Thursday night is Cincinnati football," Green said.

Students raise concerns about on-campus smoking ban

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In August, the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees voted to make all University of Cincinnati campuses tobacco free by May 1, 2017, but concerned students question how the ban will be implemented.

A tobacco-free UC has been a goal since October 2015, when student government adopted a tobacco-free resolution which then went on to be approved by faculty senate and the president's cabinet.

Since then, the Tobacco Free UC committee has been working to address hurdles UC must overcome to transition into a tobacco-free community, such as implementing policy and enforcement objectives and working to identify and recommend tobacco cessation programs which assists faculty, staff and students in discontinuing or reducing tobacco use.

"This is textbook punishing addicts, rather than helping them," said Chris Roark, Student Government Student Activities Board senator.

Roark, who was not on senate at the time of the SG decision, opposes the ban.

"It was a unilateral student government action. They didn't reach out, they didn't ask students how they felt about it," Roark said.

According to Elizabeth Aumann, Bell Well UC's Benefits Director, no formal reporting process has been developed to report violators of the ban and the UC Police Department will not be involved in enforcing the ban.

Currently, the committee has plans to develop supervisor toolkits and scripted messages over the next several months with the goal of assisting individuals in talking to others about UC's tobacco-free environment.

The ban covers all tobacco products including, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, hookah and electronic cigarettes. "No tobacco use" signage will be posted around appropriate locations, according to the resolution approved by the Board of Trustees, and announcements of the rule will be made during university sponsored events and campus functions when deemed

appropriate.

Tim Goldenberg, a second-year international affairs student supports the ban but remains skeptical that the ban will wipe out smoking on campus.

"I think that unless there is widespread enforcement of it, we'll still see some people smoking on campus, though less than before the ban," Goldenberg said. "College students are still exposed to tobacco on a near daily basis, this ban simply ensures that the UC environment is a healthier place to be."

The ban also covers any property owned, operated or leased by UC, including all dorms, housing and parking garages. All ashtrays will be removed from campuses.

Tommy Zimmerman, treasurer of UC's Young Americans for Liberty chapter expressed concern regarding lack of determined policy regarding tobacco cessation before the passing of the resolution.

Zimmerman said the university has gone from "lax rules to very strict rules," and believes resources for tobacco users should be a priority.

"The university has been providing a lot of services to students, like mental health services, free condoms, but they don't seem to want to do anything for the people addicted to cigarettes?" Zimmerman said. "If we're so committed to helping students, how about we start passing out free nicotine patches for the students that are addicted

to nicotine?"

Under the board rule, UC employees found violating the ban could face monetary fines or other disciplinary action, including termination.

Students smoking could face monetary fines and could be subject to discipline in accordance with UC's student code of conduct.



Students aren't convinced that the Tobacco Free UC ban on tobacco will make much of a difference

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SG part of Hughes High School after-hours program

LAUREN MORETTO | NEWS EDITOR

An after-school program at Hughes High School this semester will include over twenty clubs — ranging from literacy, math, leadership and music — and members of the University of Cincinnati's Student Government (SG). After Hours at the Towers is an after school program funded by 21st Century Community Learning Centers, a program out of the U.S. Department of Education, and was coordinated by UC in collaboration with Hughes High School. UC participation in the program is anticipated to grow this year, with over 200 students expected to participate in the coming months, according to Study Body President Mitchell Phelps. This year, SG members are aiming to contribute to that figure.

"We're just creating that portion where we're having our Student Government members take part and lead some of those things as well," said Phelps. An estimated 15 members of SG will be participating in the program this semester, according to Vice President Brooke Duncan. SG members will be offered five after school clubs they can choose to participate in. The decision to narrow which programs SG members would be involved in was made so they could focus on programs where they felt their help would be the most effective, according to Duncan. This includes working with Hughes High School's own student government. Looking back on his own experience with high school politics, Phelps hopes to educate Hughes High School's student

government on their true influence. "I remember reflecting back to my student council experience in high school, I was the president for that and we really didn't do anything because we didn't know we could do anything, so being able to tell students, 'Hey you have the right to do this, you can check out this, you can initiate these activities.' I think that would be really fun," said Phelps. In addition, Phelps aims to work with Hughes High School's student government to establish a proper school mascot and boost school spirit. SG's participation in the after school program has a direct correlation to Phelps-Duncan's One UC platform, according to Phelps. "We think priority on that is making sure students in the Cincinnati community can be able to attend the

University of Cincinnati and are connected to the university in some way," said Phelps. "It's a small way of just being able to reach out to students from a Student Government level. I think it's huge for them and huge for creating that one community vibe that bleeds into One UC." While SG's participation in the program is an important part of the One UC platform, the impact runs even deeper, according to Duncan. "We're all here for the number one reason of our education, and so providing that opportunity to volunteer with [Cincinnati Public School] students will really bridge that gap between your education is important and what you do outside of school is important, and this is how you can make an impact," said Duncan.



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University of Cincinnati Student Government teams up with Hughes High School's own Student Government to contribute to an after school program at Hughes High School with over twenty clubs Wednesday September, 14, 2016.



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Four exhibits from the Cincinnati Museum Center will be presented at various locations on University of Cincinnati's uptown campus in the near future, Wednesday September 14, 2016.

UC, Cincinnati encounter 'Curate My Community'

KINSLEY SLIFE | NEWS EDITOR

Mammoth tusks, vanishing rhinos and life under the sea: look forward to seeing these on the University of Cincinnati campus coming soon. A partnership between the UC and the Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) will bring four major exhibits to various uptown campus locations. On-campus curated exhibits include: Cincinnati Under the Sea, Big Bone Lick: A Place of Discovery, Ipuh: Our Vanishing Species and Climate Change and Us — an exhibit already partially displayed in the 400 level of TUC. Previously housed in Cincinnati's Union Terminal, the exhibits are being brought to UC as part of the Cincinnati Museum Center's Curate My Community initiative in an effort to integrate Cincinnati's history with more of the city's residents. "It serves as a pathway that helps

not only to inform the public about a vitally important, time-sensitive issue, but also to enhance the bond between UC and the surrounding community," said Arnie Miller, an A&S leader for Curate My Community and geology professor at UC. Planning began in 2015 and includes members from both the Cincinnati Museum Center business, design and community outreach teams as well as UC's College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) and various other volunteers. Representatives from every A&S department were included in the project's planning. The displays will serve as interactive learning spaces for students and faculty alike, fully equipped with both digital media and ancient artifacts. Apart from servicing those at UC, members of the Curate My Community initiative hope that the exhibits will serve as learning access points all of Cincinnati. The

exhibits are a target spot for a wide range of potential public events such as field trips, camps, tours and educational lectures. The underlying goal of these exhibits is to "convey connections between natural and human history and their imprints on contemporary issues in our environment," according to the CMC guide. Excitement within the student body is also growing as those passing by hear the voices of various UC professors boom from interactive videos within TUC's Climate Change and Us exhibit preview. Madeline Kinzel, a fourth-year psychology student, believes the exhibits will be effective tools for student learning because of the project's close proximity to student life. "I think it's definitely nice that they're bringing that to campus because that makes it way more accessible for students," Kinzel

said. "I really don't think that I would go to the museum in my free time because as a student I just always have so much to do." She also thinks that Curate My Community at UC will help improve and expand commonality between UC and the rest of Cincinnati. Miller and other UC representatives agree. "As we seek to engage the community around us and invite and entice them to campus, it will provide UC with new opportunities to help to move the needle on important, sometimes contentious, issues," said Miller. Exhibits are slated to be on display in the Geology Physics building, Braunstein Hall, Zimmer Hall and TUC for approximately two years while Union Terminal undergoes renovations — with more potential permanent exhibits in the works.



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Dr. Kim Miller, new director of University Health Services, describes her new position, Sept. 12, 2016, in Lindner Athletic Center.

Dr. Kim Miller named UHS director

LAUREN MORETTO | NEWS EDITOR

The University of Cincinnati will have a new director of University Health Services (UHS) effective Friday. As the director of UHS, Dr. Kim Miller will oversee all branches of health services offered, including mental and women's health, primary care and more. Before coming to UC, Miller spent the last five years as medical director at Xavier University. "All the issues that we grappled with here, only just on a larger scale," said Miller. Several changes may come during Miller's tenure as director, including the implementation of a student immunization policy. "We're going to start instituting immunization requirements for incoming freshmen next year," said Miller. "That's something that was started last year and we'll be starting on implementing that this year." Requirements include routine childhood immunizations, according to Miller, such as the measles and chicken pox vaccinations. The required number of doses and schedules for each of the required vaccinations will be in line with current

recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, according to the Student Immunization & Health Screening Policy. If a student is not in compliance with the immunization requirements, they will not be allowed to register for classes in the following term. Once the student has met requirements, they will be able to schedule their classes. Two manners of exemption will be considered for the immunization policy: medical and religious exemption. The policy also lists recommended and highly recommended vaccinations. While University Health Services is not currently affiliated with UC's Counseling and Psychological Services, Miller hopes their two offices can collaborate. "I think it's going to be a part of a wider, university-wide conversation about mental health care." Integration with mental health services and university health services is a national trend, according to Miller. Miller has also made a call for increased marketing as part of her vision for Student Health Services.

"We have a great location — you might've noticed we're right in the middle of campus — and nobody knows how to find us," said Miller. "One thing I would really like is to do more marketing of our services, let students know we're here, let them know the kinds of things they can come here for and really improve our visibility on campus." Among these services is a medication that can help prevent the transmission of HIV. "Just like women like to be on birth control and still use condoms to prevent sexually transmitted infections, men who have sex with men can be on medication to reduce the risk of HIV and then still use condoms to reduce the risk of other sexually transmitted infections," said Miller. "It's a relatively new thing, and it's something we offer students here." Once students have had an appointment at University Health Services, they can go online and make appointments, get in contact with a nurse and even check their lab results. "We have lots of good services for students, we just need to help them find us and get in the door," said Miller.

CLARIFICATION

Our "UC above national average for binge drinking" article printed Sept. 11 was not representative of the University of Cincinnati student body. A student body of 43,691 should not be represented by a non-scientific survey of 73 UC students. We plan to have more due diligence in any surveys we conduct in the future.



Barber's Electric Tattooing is located on Calhoun Street across from Panera, Sept. 13, 2016.

Top tattoo shops near campus

KATARINA KNEHANS | COLLEGE LIFE

Tattoo artwork has transformed throughout the decades — ranging from realism, traditional, dot work, minimalism and even watercolor.

When considering getting a first tattoo or an additional one, there are several things a customer should enter a tattoo parlor knowing.

Here are four parlors near the University of Cincinnati that pop up right off the map.

Barber's Electric Tattooing

The first, located on Calhoun Street, is Barber's Electric Tattooing, specializing in traditional American-style tattoos. Artists Rich Lajoie, Shad Hayes and Tony Younce each have their own unique artwork and approach to tattooing. To view their art check out the shop's Instagram account @barberselectrictattoo.

Skincraft

Skincraft Piercing-Tattoo is a parlor located in Northside at 4036 Hamilton Ave. The store is a spacious space with private rooms for both piercings and tattoos, with a warm setting and more than reasonable prices.

Customers can browse their website for tattoo artists portfolios and for piercing prices and piercers in turn. The tattoo artists include: Jeffery Wiest, Jessica Seta, India Behrens, Josh Pfeifer and Zach Stahlgren.

Skincraft is unique in its style, with a variety of paintings, sculptures and paper origami hanging from its wall and ceilings. Their Instagram page, @skincraft.us, currently has zero posts but an in-app search of the location will show many different works done at the Northside parlor.

Designs by Dana

Designs by Dana, a more than popular parlor in Cincy, is located in Northside and Covington

if one feels like traveling across the river for a day trip and is a local tattoo parlor founded by Dana and brings a whole new sentiment to family business by including his wife, Dot, and son Jason along in the industry with him.

They all work at the parlor together with other artists they've entrusted to carry on Dana's original '70s inspired vision, while still having the will to create modern artwork.

Dana has been tattooing since 1971. He has a Master of Fine Arts and over the years has tattooed in a variety of styles," according to his website.

To check out artists work, check out their user-friendly website, where each artists' portfolio is neatly displayed.

Beelistic Tattoo and Piercing

The final shop by campus is Beelistic Tattoo and Piercing. Located at 2510 W. Clifton Ave. and 2703 Vine St., for most college students, freshman

particularly, this is where they head.

"Beelistic offers the largest selection of tattoo flash in the area, along with the option for custom tattoo work based upon your ideas. Beelistic also staffs some of the best piercers in the city, and offers the best selection of quality body jewelry in the area. Walk-ins are always welcome," Brenden "Bee" Saddlemire, tattoo artist states on their website.

The artists' style range from traditional to minimalist, meaning customers are sure to find a style that fits them.

Beelistic has more than one location as well, with three shops located across Cincinnati. To view work done by the parlor, check out their Instagram page @beelisticconvine.

Between these four stores and five different locations there is certain to be a style that suits one seeking piercings, tattoos, or even both.

Northside Yacht Club offers nautically delicious dishes

SAMANTHA HALL | COLLEGE LIFE

Hidden within the artsy, hipster region of Northside stands a historic brick building: the Northside Yacht Club.

The Northside Yacht Club (NSYC) is a music venue and bar, known across Cincinnati for its "rustic food, handcrafted drinks and live, loud music," located at 4227 Spring Grove Ave. Food, drinks and music are passions of its founders Jon Weiner and Stuart MacKenzie, according to the website.

Weiner and MacKenzie began their journey together after combining an interest in the Ohio River's Great Flood of 1937, shaping their theme and style of the restaurant.

In regards to food, NSYC offers food that caters to vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free diets and restrictions. Other foods are cooked with the "slow and low" method, along with the daily hand-cut fries to side its dishes.

For its large alcohol menu, the maritime-named bar brings in drinks from neighborhood breweries for craft beer, as well as cocktails offered year-round and seasonally.

What NSYC gets a strong attendance from, apart from the variety of food and drinks, is their weekly events.

Throughout the week, live music takes place in the warm, lowly-lit building, along with certain nights of the week having a specific event, with a nightlife feel.

On Tuesdays, the rustic venue hosts Trivia Tuesday, with original trivia questions created by their host, Justin Schafer.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights have live music, with Wednesday being a free show night and Friday and Saturday having original live music followed by a dance party with Midnight Society.

And finally, Sunday has a brunch period,

taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the dinner menu not beginning until 5 p.m.

Both local and national acts take place on the NSYC stage.

For booking at the venue, NSYC has email contacts for booking different performers.

With any future concert or calendar event, the website has a calendar filled up to two months in advanced, with concerts nearly every weekend.

Bar hours are 4 p.m. – 2 a.m. with kitchen hours only open until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, with hours adjusting Saturday and Sunday depending on the night.

NSYC also is home to a dog-friendly patio, for customers to bring their furry pal while having a night relaxed with music and food.



The Northside Yacht Club (NSYC) is a music venue and bar located at 4227 Spring Grove Ave, Tuesday Sept. 13, 2016.



Rosa Zeigler, a Senior marketing major speaks with a representative from GE at the Career Fair in CRC on September 14th.

Job opportunities on campus

SAMANTHA HALL | COLLEGE LIFE

Over 180 employers will vie for one thing this week: getting students jobs.

The Fall Career Fair at the University of Cincinnati is widely known for its hundreds of employers that attend each day, every year.

Of the three-day fair this week, the long list of employers will attend the sold-out event.

The first day is the "Professional Day," which took place Wednesday and the second day is the "Technical Day," taking place Thursday, according to Kathleen Grant, director of employer engagement for the Career Development Center.

Not only is there a two-day full employer fair, but also throughout the entire past week from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., career coaches have been in the lobby of TUC to assist students in preparation of the fair.

In order for students to be fully prepared for the list of attending companies and employers, guidelines were set up from UC giving students to explain how to dress in business professional attire, how to present a resume and what it should include, how to volunteer for further experience and the best ways of researching the various companies.

"We're looking for people interested in the field of sales, marketing and business. People that really want to grow," said Brad Stinson, branch manager for ABC Supply Co. Inc.

ABC Supply is a distributor for building products and materials across America, and is even known to be the largest distributor of such items.

The supply company is just one of many companies and businesses at the Professional Day Career Fair.

Other major companies include Delta Air Lines Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Emerson Climate Technologies and Hollister Co.

The schedule of the Fall Career Fair started on 8 a.m. Wednesday and continued through the week with information sessions at different periods of the day. The career week also hosted tables along with its recruitment.

Friday, the last day of the career fair, has nearly 80 employers still available for interview typically, according to Grant.

With over 4,000 business and engineering students at UC, the fair allows students to get a foot in the professional world early on in their career paths.

The career fair takes place every spring and fall at UC in the Campus Recreation Center.

Barbarians, rebels, rogues and revelers at Renaissance Festival

RUSSELL HAUSFELD | ARTS AND CULTURE EDITOR

Peasants, merchants, lords and ladies, hear this tale I have to tell. 'Tis a tale of jousting, knights and mermaids — possibly even dragons to fell. This crisp autumn marks the beginning of the 27th annual Ohio Renaissance Festival, chock full of amusement for the loner or the beaus (men) and the belles (women).

In fact, the Renaissance Festival has a special treat for the belles this year: brand new flushing toilets. We beaus still get the privilege of true 16th century accommodations,

peeing in a trough.

The festival conforms to both our toilet-themed fantasies, as well as our specific fantastic niches, such as pirates and barbarians with their themed weekends.

This coming weekend is Pirates Weekend, where you'll find a swashbuckling variety of entertainment, from sea chanteys to pirate stunt shows. Guest artisan Immortelle Bijouterie also makes an appearance at the festival this weekend with her pull cart full of eccentric costume wear and period-specific designs.

The following weekend (Sept. 25-26), barbarous hoards will be raiding

the Renaissance Festival and going out a-viking for Barbarian Weekend. Compete in tests of strength from arm to gut with competitions like the turkey leg eating contest, where you'll be put to the task of devouring through the meat, grit and thistle of some meaty turkey legs while onlookers watch you stuff yourself. Stormwatch Jewelry will also appear as a guest artisan this weekend, peddling traditional handcrafted Celtic designs.

Rebels, Rogues and Revelers Weekend (Oct. 1-2) comes up after Barbarian Weekend and doesn't appear to have a

whole lot of extra special entertainment. However, if the name suggests anything, this weekend in the middle of the Renaissance Festival's run may be the best time to get sloshed on ale with some 16th century peasants and knights. Rebel and Revel at the Renaissance Fair this weekend.

Highland Weekend (Oct. 8-9) is marked by the wonderful prospect of kilt-wearing. If you're a guy who loves to bask in the outdoors with the wind between your legs, or a lady who rocks it out on a bagpipe, this is the weekend for you. The Tartan Terrors will be there,

providing Celtic music, dance and comedy.

Find a date that is just as into ruffles, armor, corsets and feather-adorned hats as you are? Then, Romance Weekend (Oct. 15-16) is the weekend for you. They even do vow renewal ceremonies twice a day.

And finally, Trick or Treat Weekend (Oct. 22-23) will close out this year's Renaissance Festival. Dress up and bring the little ones for trick or treating and pumpkin decorating in the village.

GO: Ohio Renaissance Festival, 10542 East State Route 73, Waynesville, OH. Weekends through Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. \$21.95.



A knight pays fan fare to the crowd after winning a jousting match at the Ohio Renaissance Festival.



Rohs Street Café established in 2003 is located on the corner of Rohs street and W McMillan, Sept. 13, 2016.

Rohs Street Café promotes socialization and caffeinated beverages

ERIN COUCH | STAFF REPORTER

For students, the coffee shop narrative is usually the same: you arrive with homework, sit and sip for a few hours, then take off after having only once made human contact when you chatted with the barista and dropped a few quarters in the tip jar.

Rohs Street Café is taking notice of this anti-social phenomenon that dominates the coffee shop scene and, with a few new tactics and plans for this fall, intends to nudge people together in a place that we often visit just to be alone in a crowded room.

In order to improve the sense of community in the shop, Rohs is trying out a more obvious tactic — bringing people together by making the best coffee they can.

For café manager Keaton Neely, the best way to do this is to make it a more social experience.

"Coffee has always been a jumping off point for conversation," Neely said. "We want to be a place that has really great coffee that attracts people for that."

Neely also hopes to make the coffee itself in a more personal way. One way the café is trying to achieve this is by featuring single origin espresso from guest roasters.

The idea is that single origin espresso, which comprises of one type of bean grown by a single farm, is a more personal experience because you can put a name to the coffee you're drinking. The same cannot easily be said about a typical espresso blend.

Rohs is also trying to improve the sense of community in the shop by asking a simple, but important question: How can people physically be brought together?

An extensive remodel in January opened up the possibility to change the layout of the shop to accommodate the goal of togetherness. People are now being brought together in the literal sense with community tables and twice as many seats at the bar.

In fact, in order to further promote social behavior without devices, the bar does not have outlets for laptop and phone chargers — a sneaky touch that Neely said was completely intentional.

With all these changes being made in the common area for people to meet, plenty of

opportunities are also opening up with live music events.

Rohs' Arts and Culture Coordinator Christopher Maier said the café takes a keen interest in local artists.

"We want the music and events we book on weekends of a homegrown nature," Maier said. "We're less interested in filling up dates on an event calendar with just anyone, and much more interested in putting the call out for [College Conservatory of Music] ensembles, singer-songwriters, recitals."

As for the ultimate goal, Maier is optimistic that these changes will make the café a more communal place to hang out.

GO: Rohs Street Café, 245 W McMillan St., 7 a.m.-11p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-11p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m.-11 p.m. Sunday.



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World record bros visit UC

DAVID WYSONG | SPORTS EDITOR

Two brothers are attempting to set a world record and the University of Cincinnati is going to help them do it.

Jameson Ritter, 29, and Mitch Ritter, 23, of Bellefontaine, Ohio are wanting to see the most college football games anyone has ever seen live in a single season, and the Bearcats' matchup with the University of Houston will be one of them.

The Ritters began their journey Sept. 1 and have so far seen seven games during the first two weeks.

The University of Alabama versus USC, Notre Dame University versus the University of Texas and Houston versus the University of Oklahoma are just a few of the matchups they have been to.

"I think one of my favorites so far is the double-overtime thriller Austin, Texas, the Notre Dame-Texas game was an absolute blast," Mitch said.

"Coming off that game last year, Notre Dame beat Texas pretty handedly 38-3. So to see the Longhorns bounce back in a dramatic overtime fashion was

probably my favorite game of the trip so far," said the younger Ritter.

This weekend will feature four games, starting at UC, and they will then travel for three games in Oklahoma.

Overall, the two brothers plan to see over 50 games this season and it will all conclude in Tampa, Florida for the national championship game.

The Ritter brothers have always enjoyed football. They played in high school and then were big fans of their colleges' teams Jameson at the Ohio State University and Mitch at the University of Central Florida.

"[We've] just always loved and appreciated college football, through our playing days in high school and then as students as well, just enjoying some great high level football," the elder Ritter brother said.

Jameson said the brothers have put their professional lives on hold for this, but the stars have aligned to make this happen.

"I think the stars kind of aligned in regard to where we were in our lives in terms of when the season was starting and when the season ends and

the flexibility we had in our schedule and in our personal lives to make this leap of faith and take this journey and make it a reality," Jameson said.

In order to have the money to attend over 50 games, the Ritters have a partnership with the Gametime app. The elder Ritter said the motivation was to avoid the accumulating cost of traveling and attending 50 games.

"So we did some research and we reached out to a lot of the major ticket brokers and Gametime being the exciting, mobile startup that they are was the perfect partner to align with because they were equally as excited about this journey as we were," Jameson said.

When it comes to their attendance at the Bearcats game against Houston, the brothers both believe the Cougars will win, but being from Ohio they will be wearing their black in support of UC.

"I love Nippert Stadium, it has a great intimate feel to it and it's just a wonderful place to watch a college football game," Jameson said.

Tennis superstars and a Cinci teen

DAVID WYSONG | SPORTS EDITOR

The Western and Southern Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati highlights some of the biggest winners in the game of tennis — Rodger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray, Serena Williams — and a teenager from Cincinnati trying to make his mark.

Jeffery John "JJ" Wolf is a 17-year-old tennis player that grew up in the Queen City and said his proximity to the annual tournament has played a role in his blossoming career.

"Cincinnati is a great tennis town, so I think that has played a lot in my upbringing with tennis," Wolf said. "I've seen pros up and personal ever since I was a little kid so maybe it seemed like something I could do. I saw how awesome they were and how everyone loved them so it got me into tennis pretty well."

Growing up, Wolf's dream was to play professional tennis and it looks as if that dream could be reality as he has already played in the Wimbledon Junior Championships and the U.S. Open Junior Tennis Championships.

Wimbledon and the U.S. Open are two of the four major professional tennis tournaments.

"It's been a dream my whole life, to play in the pros," Wolf said. "There's nothing else like it, [the U.S. Open] is the biggest stage in tennis, there's so many people there, it's just a great opportunity."

Most recently, Wolf played in the U.S. Open where he competed in doubles and singles.

The highlight of his time spent there was making it to the round of 16 in singles.

In his route to get there he defeated the No. 4 seed, and the No. 6 junior's

player in the world, Geoffrey Blancaneaux, according to International Tennis Federation's official site.

Wolf beat him in two sets, 6-3 and 6-2.

"I just tried to play my game, I've been working on a lot of things. I didn't try and think about what he's done this year or what he was ranked and just tried to worry about myself and that's how I got it done," Wolf said.

Something Wolf enjoyed when defeating Blancaneaux was being able to celebrate with people he cared about.

"I felt great, I got to go over and see my coaches and my dad after I won so it was just a great feeling having people that I care about there watching the match and getting to celebrate that with them," Wolf said.

Wolf eventually lost to fellow American Patrick Kypson in three sets, 2-6, 6-3 and 6-0.

"He played well," Wolf said. "I had a little bit of trouble with cramping in the third set, but he was playing well so you got to give him that, he's a great player, but I didn't stick to my game plan. I did it a little bit in the first set and it was working, but I kind of went away from it a little, so that's what got me that loss I think."

Moving forward, Wolf is currently a senior in high school but will attend Ohio State University after passing up offers from the University of Illinois, Duke University, Stanford University and Northwestern University.

"It's a great program, the coaches are pretty much, in my opinion, some of the best ones in the country. They develop people better than anyone I know," Wolf said.



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Senior safety Mike Tyson comes off of a career game with 3 interceptions against Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium Saturday September 10, 2016. Tyson and the Bearcats will faceoff against No. 6 Houston Thursday September 15, 2016 at Nippert Stadium.

Tyson takes bite out of Purdue

DAVID WYSONG | SPORTS EDITOR

Senior safety Mike Tyson already has a famous name — but the name he made as a Cincinnati Bearcat while accumulating three interceptions against Purdue University on Saturday was more NFL all-pro than legendary pugilist.

University of Cincinnati head coach, Tommy Tuberville, had high praise for him, comparing him to a professional football player Cincinnatians know well.

"Very similar to a guy I coached who is playing for the Bengals now: Karlos Dansby," Tuberville said. "Skinny, tall, rangy, can run. I started Karlos at safety when I was at Auburn. Wide receiver, safety then moved him to outside linebacker, kind of what Mike is doing."

Tuberville coached Dansby at Auburn University from 2000-2003.

Tyson came onto the scene in Cincinnati back in 2013, coming out of Hargrave Military Academy as the No. 27 overall prep-school prospect.

Choosing to play college football with the Bearcats could have been seen as a surprise as he had top-tier programs trying to woo him: Clemson University, Texas Christian

University (TCU) and Texas Tech University.

One reason Tyson may have made the decision to bring his talents to Cincinnati is because of the people around the program.

"The people are just so friendly and we all just click as one," Tyson said.

"Tyson has had a key role in Cincinnati's defense ever since his sophomore year in 2014.

During that season he played in all 13 games, starting in three of them, and in 2015 he played in all but two of the team's 12 games.

Tuberville said he thinks Tyson has grown and gotten better during his time playing for Cincinnati, but he believes he can improve.

"Very explosive — and if you just watch that interception over the middle on [Purdue's] first or second drive you always wonder how much better he can get," Tuberville said.

Despite getting a lot of playing time throughout his career, Tyson only had two interceptions prior to Saturday and both of those date back to his freshman season.

With that being said, Saturday was most likely a day Tyson will never forget.

"My favorite memory [at UC] is

just them three interceptions I just had and to be honest that is the best game I have ever had in my life," Tyson said.

Moving forward after his senior year in Cincinnati, the real question will be if Tyson can make that next leap into the NFL — his head coach thinks it is possible.

"He's got a real solid chance of playing a lot of football after this year," Tuberville said. "A lot of it is going to be up to him, but he's football smart. I think a lot of our players learn from him, he's kind of a coach on the field."

If Tyson can come close to Tuberville's comparison of him to Dansby, he could find himself becoming very successful at the next level.

Dansby was an All-Pro in 2013 for the Arizona Cardinals and has been noted as one of the top linebackers in the league.

However, Tyson only has his mind on the present.

"I just try to stay positive, keep my mind in it, don't try to think about what's coming next, just think about what's going on in front of me right now," Tyson said.



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September 7, 2016 - Jeffrey John Wolf in action against Geoffrey Blancaneaux during the 2016 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY.