Upcoming events:
April 27-28
Books Are Fun – Book sale
April 29
3 on 3 Intramural Basketball
April 30
4 Person Intramural Volleyball
April 29-30
Spring Fling
May 2
FAFSA Workshop
May 4
Fireside Reader Book Discussion
May 4-5
Free Massages
May 4-10
Final Exams
May 7
Empty the Filling Station” Silent Auction
May 8
Leadership Awards
Academic Graduate Recognition Ceremony
May 9-10
Spring Commencement

Spring Breathes Student Life into Campus with Completion of New Building

According to Tami Lowe, Senior Director of Business Operations at Wayne College, the new Student Life Building is “in the home stretch,” where “the interior finishes, such as dry wall and paint, are being installed now.” While progress was hampered due to the harsh winter weather, the project has scheduled to start moving in sometime in June, which will mark the beginning of other changes to occur throughout the campus.

Lowe continues, “The department of Continuing Education and Workforce Development will occupy the second floor of the new building. On the first level you will find the Bookstore, Student organization office, Market Place and dining area (including the pool table), three large classrooms and the Smucker Multipurpose room which will play host to large events such as our annual Shakespeare Festival.”

The building is scheduled to open in August and be available for purchase from its current location. However, the plan on coming to its new location for your Fall purchases as soon as August, 3rd. If there is any disruption of service, textbooks can also be ordered online.

The Department of CEWD (Continuing Education and Workforce Development) will move to their new space on the second floor of the Student Life Building in mid-July, which will house their office, testing center, computer lab and training room.

There is a ribbon cutting ceremony planned for August and a community open house planned for early fall. Lowe adds, “We have enjoyed great support from our community for this project and we want to provide them with a chance to see it up close.”

The Student Services Office will NOT be moving, however, they will begin renovations this summer to turn the old bookstore and current Student Services Office into a “one-stop” office for student accounts, registration and financial aid services.

Sixth Annual Writer’s Workshop Hits Another Home Run

From the bird's eye view of a participant, I have to give kudos to everyone who helped pull off another successful, informative and entertaining workshop. While a participant selects his topic from different angles (including the pool table), three large classrooms and the Smucker Multipurpose room which will play host to large events such as the annual Shakespeare Festival.

I also attended the “Craft of Poetry” session where Dr. George Bilgere delighted us with his sense of humor. He shared some of his poetry and made the point that “writing a poem is not about ideas, but about things.” He had us close our eyes and tell him what we pictured in our mind when he said various things, like “uncertainty” or “relaxing,” for example. He then asked something like, what do you see in your mind’s eye when I say….vomit? Of course, most of us groaned and cringed at that thought, but he made an excellent point about where poetry lives. In order to stir something in the soul, it begins in the mind and tangible things is something a reader can relate to better than the intangible. He also mentioned that poetry is painting with words. As an aspiring poet, I offered to give him some pointers (all in jest, of course), but he didn’t seem to need my help.

The keynote speaker, Dandi Mackall, was also very entertaining and just a joy to listen to her speak. As an author of children’s books, she has a child-like quality and can really appreciate the simplicity of children. Her tenacity has also rewarded her well. If there was only one thing I took away from her speech, it would be to not give up! Don’t let rejection stop you, but it is merely an obstacle a person would need to find a way around.

Happy writing!

by Nicole Hall

New Student Life Building brings new life to Wayne University
I am a little embarrassed to admit that this year was the first year since I’ve been at Wayne that I attended the Poetry Prose and Acoustical Jam. I didn’t miss it by choice, you see, I usually end up in a Thursday night class and honestly, I didn’t know what I was missing. I had class again this semester but made arrangements to leave early so I could finally see what all the hubbub was. I now know that the hub AND the bub are very talented participants eager to share their work and a very friendly and funny John Lorson as Emcee!

From a poem about a soldier to a very nicely done acoustic version of Hawthorne Heights’ “Ohio is for Lovers” (and everything in between) I enjoyed every minute of the evening. Now if you are feeling like you’ve missed out on something spectacular, well, you have. But know that you will have your chance to become a regular at the PPAJ beginning next year when it’s held for the first time in the new Student Life building! BETTER YET, plan to participate!

Some will argue that the start of training camp for the NFL is the best time of the year, or the first practices of an upcoming NBA season. NASCAR fans will say the Daytona 500 and the first 15 mph is the new year. While those are all good arguments, my pick is sure to please any multi-sport fanatic. The second week of March began a 4-5 week journey that is the peak of the sports year attracting even those that don’t normally watch that particular sport. Let’s start with the NCAA Conference Championships. Every team can forget their record, good or bad, and prepare for one week of hoops that could make or break their season. The winners of these championships move on to the “Big Dance” or the NCAA Tournament. This year saw four teams, Binghamton, Morgan State, North Dakota State, and Stephen F Austin make their first appearance in March Madness. While the State of Ohio was well represented in the tournament with five teams, (Ohio State, Xavier, Dayton, Cleveland State, and our beloved Akron Zips) sadly, all were eliminated. Even though most call them the Boys of Summer, nothing says Spring like the start of another Major League Baseball season. This is the time of year where every team has thoughts of winning the World Series. While just about every baseball season in the Midwest starts with some chilly temperatures, and even the occasion “snow out” game, it is definitely a sign of warmer temperatures and sunnier days to come. Before you know it everyone is outside enjoying a game, a hot dog and their favorite beverage, whether it’s at a major ballpark like Progressive Field or a sandlot in your hometown.

Wayne College feels like home. It’s small, comfortable and nestled in the fields of Wayne County far from the big cities where all the bad stuff happens. So we have nothing to worry about, right? Well, that is very close to accurate, actually. Of the 108 calls made to the campus police in 2008, only 4 was in regard to theft or personal property issues. The Buchtelite reported some years ago that at Wayne College, you could leave your doors unlocked and the only thing you had to worry about were cows getting in your car. While funny, that is not totally true. If you leave your car doors unlocked, you are inviting trouble. This is especially true if you have items like cds, books or purses in plain view. Lock your doors just in case. If that is not possible, lock these items in the trunk or glove box just to be safe.

In a recent poll, 75% of those asked knew (or guessed correctly) that the speed limit in the parking lot is 15 mph. There were however, several who answered that they thought it was a trick question and there is not a posted speed limit in our parking lot. Now that’s scary!

It is the Wayne College community itself that determines the safety of our campus. If we can stop for pedestrians at crosswalks, lock our car doors and obey the speed limit, the only thing we will have to worry about are the students who continue to park in the non-parking spots at the end of the isles in the first lot.

Spring time is sports time in Ohio! by Terry Rabbitts

Poetry Prose and Acoustical Jam 2009
Photo from www.wayne.uakron.edu/LearCen/slc_jam_09.htm

Just To Be Safe by Theresa Mountel

Congratulations Akron Zip’s Men’s Basketball Team
2009 MAC Tournament Champions!
In and Around Wayne College
Nicole Hall

zipline               waynemail               springboard
library               learningcenter          computerlab
 tutors                mathcenter             writingcenter
 counseling           classmate               professor
 advisor              fillingstation          springbreak
 tuition               financialaid            academics
 career               intramural             certification

CLASSIFIEDS

CONDOS FOR RENT: Wadsworth. Condos for rent, 1½ bath, attached garage, appliances included, gas heat, central air, great condition, prime area-minutes from the highway, lawn work furnished, snow removal in winter months, no pets, 2 bedroom $795, 3 bedroom $890 per month. 330-344-1457.

WRITERS WANTED: The Wayne Mirror is looking for writers, staff members and photographers for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a GREAT addition to your resume, and many scholarships give preference to students that have extracurricular activities listed!! Email Editor with your contact information: nth2@uakron.edu


OPINION

Dear Mirror Mirror,

What do I have to do to take summer classes?

~anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Taking classes in the summer is a great idea! While the classes are a little longer in length, you only attend them for five weeks! That frees up most of the summer for you AND you get to accomplish another couple of credits! Schedule your classes on the Zipline. If you need help, see the friendly folks in the Student Services office. If you have not yet filled your FAFSA, do that right away! If you would like to request aid to help pay for your summer classes, you must also do a Summer Aid Application. These are available online, but also at the Student Accounts and Financial Aid office. Not only can you have some financial aid from your 2009-2010 aid to help pay for summer classes, if you are eligible for Federal Pell Grant money, you can get ADDITIONAL grant money for the summer. That means your Pell will not be reduced for the fall and spring semester! Again, stop by the appropriate office if you need any assistance.

Mirror Mirror is an advice column that students, faculty and staff can write to for answers to questions about almost anything! Submit your questions to askmirrormirror@uakron.edu.

The Wayne Mirror is the student newspaper of the University of Akron Wayne College. The opinions expressed in the Wayne Mirror are not those of Wayne College administration, faculty or staff. Rather, they are those of the individual writer, contributor, or columnist.