Building Progress on Task

It’s difficult to miss the dozens of construction workers, machines and supplies that comprise the area next to Wayne College. Even more so to miss the cramped parking situation and those extra steps required to reach the building.

Despite a few inconveniences, the end result will certainly be worth it, however. According to Lindsie Webb, assistant of Dean John Kristofco, the students will have plenty to look forward to.

She explained that students will have “the significant expansion of student focused space: dining, student lounge, student office space, new bookstore, multi-purpose space with the opportunities it presents, new classroom space, and that it is the second building creating more of a campus feel with interesting outdoor spaces between the two buildings.”

Webb also noted that there haven’t been any changes to the plan. However, the final proposal was the 15th version of the original design. In other words, a lot of thought, preparation and consideration were put into the building.

So, maybe the new scenery isn’t as pleasant as the old one. And perhaps it’s not thrilling to park in the back row on a chilly morning. But, students should consider the building an investment. After all, it will provide more opportunities and an enhanced campus-like atmosphere. Better yet, construction is running smoothly.

“We are on schedule and on budget,” Webb continued. “We are hoping to be in the building by August 2009.”

2008 Mock Election

On October 13th and 14th, the Wayne College Student Senate sponsored the 2008 Mock Election located at the front entrance of Wayne College where 139 votes were cast.

The two-day event, lasting from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, was slightly different from the 2004 Mock Election as the Student Senate was unable to borrow voting equipment from Wayne County Board of Elections who also had provided ballots and counted the votes for the previous mock election. In order to ensure this event wasn’t hindered by the lack of the borrowed technology and to ensure accuracy, the Student Senate prepared a form that listed the presidential candidates that will appear on the November ballot. Unfortunately this meant excluding local and state political candidates and issues from this term’s mock election in order to keep the paper ballot to a manageable size for all involved.

According to Jackie Ashbaugh, the Student Senate Advisor, the goal of holding the mock election is “to create awareness about the up-coming election and to encourage students, faculty and staff to get involved and vote.” Additionally, “it is about getting the students to think about the upcoming election and getting them used to the voting process.” Ashbaugh stated that she was surprised that more people hadn’t voted. Prior to the 2012 Mock Election, the Student Senate would like to form clubs based on individual political parties to raise even greater awareness among the student body.

Another planned addition for the next Mock Election is to require voter registration, which was not part of the process for this mock election. By having the voters go through the entire simulation of the voting process, it will serve as an icebreaker for individuals who have never previously voted. It will also allow the Student Senate to compare the data collected from registrants with data collected from those who vote to determine who vote to determine celebrity candidate could then put up two other players for eviction. The veto power allowed nominated guests to remove themselves from the block. Rounding out each week was an elimination of one player via the other contestants. One week shocked with a double elimination.

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The show boasted a cast of strangers, confined in a house with no connection to the outside world. Those strangers played competitive games to land roles such as head of household and power of veto. With the head of household, that contestant could then put up two other players for eviction. The veto power allowed nominated guests to remove themselves from the block. Rounding out each week was an elimination of one player via the other contestants. One week shocked with a double elimination.

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With the wrap up of Big Brother, Smith, who is now 30, finds herself doing interviews and signing autographs.
Mocktails Offer Safe Fun

Every year, Wayne College holds an event known as Mocktails. This event invites student groups, offices, and departments to provide a non-alcoholic beverage, create a table, and dress up to help promote Alcohol Awareness Week. The goal is to remind students that alcohol is not necessary for having a good time. And of course, Mocktails is always a good time. The library landing was bursting with creativity and enthusiasm, and of course, Halloween spirit.

This year’s theme was The Olympics, and from the toga donning Student Senate to the rather risqué MicCow Phelps posters, it was a great time! The planning was probably difficult for participants since all the drinks were quite tasty.

The Business Office offered the opportunity to mix up your own Patriotic Punch, and Media Support’s Torch Juice had a cherry sour chaser. The Psychology Club’s Blue Slime had a surprise shot of Jello!

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Diversity

by Nicole Hall, writer

Part one of a three-part series

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