Traveling Shakespeare Troupe Comes to Wayne

by Danielle M. Sobczyk, editor

English and history classes come to life with American Shakespeare Center on Tour. Friday, Sept. 23, the troupe performed “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” and Saturday was the actors’ rendition of “Julius Caesar.” The troupe was entertaining, and also accessible, with a question and answer period after each play. Prior to the performance, the audience listened as the troupe sang popular songs. In speaking with the assistant director, Aaron Hochhalter, I was more enlightened about how the plays come together.

Q: When was the troupe founded?
A: In 1988, at James Madison University in Virginia, a student, Jim Warren and his professor, Ralph Cohen started an troupe founded? Ralph Cohen started an American Shakespeare Center on Tour. Friday, Sept. 23, the troupe performed “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” and Saturday was the actors’ rendition of “Julius Caesar.” The troupe was entertaining, and also accessible, with a question and answer period after each play. Prior to the performance, the audience listened as the troupe sang popular songs. In speaking with the assistant director, Aaron Hochhalter, I was more enlightened about how the plays come together.

Q: How far do you travel?
A: The troupe mostly stays on this side of the Mississippi, but we have been to 48 states, five foreign countries, the Virgin Islands, and parts of Canada. We have also been to the Perennial Shakespeare Festival in Germany.

Q: How many actors are in the troupe at a time?
A: There are usually between 10 and 12 and that seems to work out well. We do three plays each tour, this year besides “Midsummer” and “Caesar” we are doing “Cyrano de Bergerac”.

Q: Do you have a favorite place to go?
A: The places that we go to regularly, like Wayne, become favorites, although the actors seem to like everywhere we go. We have been to Wayne for a couple of years and I see faces from previous years. It feels like we form a community with the audience. The community here is fantastic and there is a great reception.

Q: What is the biggest challenge of touring?
A: Since each performance is in a different place, the room we act in becomes the challenge; getting to know how much space, the acoustics, how the stage is set up.

Q: How many years have you been touring with this troupe?
A: Not consecutively, about five years. This is my first year as the troupe manager.

Q: How do you remember your lines?
A: This is the most common question! Repetition. If you think about the things that you memorize, phone numbers, random facts, if you do anything enough you will remember. Human beings are hard wired to tell stories. Theatre is unique, actors try to remember what part of the story they are telling. The troupe performed in the Boyer Gymnasium in front of a full house. As always, Wayne College was proud to host the American Shakespeare Center on Tour, and the performances were enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Wayne County Fair - A good time for everyone

by Angela Bases, writer

Candy apples, caramel corn, hot dogs, and cotton candy filled the eager hands of Northeastern Ohio residents of all ages. The little ones waited in line for their chance to ride on the thrilling Ferris wheel. Tractor pulls, rabbit, swine, and horse showing, and of course the arena concerts attracted powerful crowds. Yes, it was that time of the year again, the 157th annual Wayne County Fair. This year, the fair hosted country band Sawyer Brown, Starship with Mickey Thomas, Blake Shelton, and rising country star Miranda Lambert.

The crowd was described as “the same size” it is every year, incredibly packed without much room to even snatch a bite of chili cheese fries. So what is it that brings residents coming back every year? Katie Winkler, a Wayne College student, replied with a simple answer: “food”. Another Wayne County resident returns out of “tradition” and enjoys “the concerts and the fair food.”

Wayne College Holds Annual Heart Walk

by Tracy Bolyard, writer

September 23, 2006, the Wayne County Heart Walk took place at Wayne College. Participants walked a one-mile or a three-mile course through the campus. Many local businesses formed teams and raised money. The Heart Walk was presented by the Heart Group and was sponsored by local businesses including Buehler’s and Dunlap Memorial Hospital. As of Friday, Sept. 29, area businesses and schools, including Wayne College and Wooster Community Hospital, helped to raise $61,000, which was a record for a Wayne County Heart Walk. There were approximately 400 walkers who participated, which was again a record number.

The morning began with a breakfast for survivors and their family members. Following breakfast, all participants met outside of the Filling Station for music and stretching. Members from the YWCA team lead the group in stretches and then the walk began with the survivors leading. Many of the Wayne College team members walked the three-mile course. The Wayne College team raised over $1,000 for the Heart Walk. The 2006 Wayne County Heart Walk was definitely a success.
A Closer Look at Student Services

by Sonya Wagner, writer

The first thing a student sees when walking into Wayne College is the Office of Student Services. This office is there to guide students through their college careers. In Student Services, the staff will make various appointments that are necessary in college such as advising appointments, career counseling appointments and testing appointments. If the Student Services staff does not know the answer to a student’s question, they can find someone who does. Student Services can also help with one of the most important and stressful parts of being a student-registering for classes. All in all, the Office of Student Services does just what the title says – it services the students. Feel free to stop by and have your questions answered.

Thoughts about New Clubs at Wayne College

by Jean L. Calvert

Does singing give you a thrill from the top of your head to the tips of your toes? Do you sing in the shower, in church, or in your car on the way to school or work? Perhaps you sing professionally, in a school or church choir or with your family on the holidays, maybe you just feel good when you sing. Students don’t need to have the best voice, be able to read music or have been born with a natural perfect pitch to start or join a singing group at Wayne College.

It could be that there is nothing that lights your fire more than putting a pen to paper, or these days, your fingers to a keyboard. You might be the kind of person who loves to write and everything, maybe poetry, science fiction, romance, about how your day was, short stories, essays, social commentaries or something else in the many other genres that an author could choose. Talking about authors, new books coming out, discussing controversial books, upcoming projects of novelists, magazines and newspaper writers and many other subjects might be your cup of tea. You don’t need to be Norah Roberts or Stephen King to start or join a Wayne College writing club.

Joining, starting, or even promoting these organizations would enhance your learning experience at Wayne College, increase your interaction with other likewise-minded students, and benefit Wayne College and the surrounding communities. How could joining either one of these clubs accomplish this?

This could be accomplished through outreach, community service, and advocacy. Whether you write for personal pleasure or aspire to become a published author; meeting with other students who do the same will improve your writing skills and enable you to become a better student. One of you might write something about your hometown, community, or Wayne College that will motivate someone to come back to school, start a new career, do volunteer service, give to a charity, donate blood, vote, change careers, go on for further schooling, start a new hobby, etc. One of you might take a chance and write something for Wayne College Student Writing Contest. At Christmas, a choral group could sing carols at local nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, Wayne College functions and many more events. Just think how this would make an elderly person so happy at Christmas, someone who might not have family visiting them or sick children in the hospital who won’t be home for Christmas. Wouldn’t it be fun to sing at school during finals week or Spring Fling?

Show your Wayne College school spirit and consider starting or joining a writing or choral club. Hope to see you there!
**Senate News**  
by Tessa Walters, Student Senate President

The Student Senate is off to a great start this semester. We brought the semester in with a bang. Wayne Fest was a huge success. There were activities from wax hands to airbrush tattoos. The students were able to enjoy live music while sampling pizza for our Pizza Tasting Contest. The contest was between Pizza Hut, East of Chicago, and Fox’s Pizza Den with East of Chicago in first place again. We even saw faculty and staff sporting creative airbrush tattoos around campus. We were very pleased with the student participation we saw.  

September 23, 2006, Student Senate participated in the Wayne County Heart Walk. It was very touching to see so many people work together to raise money for a worthy cause. Thank you to those in the college community who helped us by donating their money. We really appreciate you.  

Senate meetings are on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in room C-110. If you would like to know more about Senate, or simply wish to join, please contact the advisors, Amanda Feaster via e-mail alfeast@uakron.edu, John Lorson at lorson@uakron.edu or Student Senate President, Tessa Walters at tlw43@uakron.edu. We would love to help you in any way we can. Keep looking for new events to take place throughout the semester.

**Movie Review: Good Night and Good Luck**  
by Raquel Ball

This is a movie worth watching. So, if you have nothing to do this Friday; go get some popcorn, soda, and a comfortable place to sit. This movie has controversy, suspense, loyalty, and a little laughter. The main characters are Ed Murrow, which is portrayed by David Strathairn, and Fred Friendly, who was played by George Clooney. These characters were portrayed very well; they personified Murrow and Friendly perfectly. Strathairn brought Murrow’s views to a new level. Murrow challenged McCarthy on his theories on communism. I gave this movie an overall rating of being one of the greatest docudrama in a long time.

**Wonder Why?**  
by Raquel Ball

Have you sat and wondered WHY? Here are a few to carry with you through the day.

- Why do they sterilize needles for lethal injections?
- Isn’t Disney World a people trap operated by a mouse?
- Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?
- What hair color do they put on the driver’s licenses of bald men?

http://film.guardian.co.uk/festivals/news/0,1564306,00.html
Dr. Denise Uitto

by Mike Vamos, writer

Ashland University to receive her doctorate degree in Paraprofessional Education; which means to train people who are working with children in public schools with disabilities (a.k.a. Intervention Specialist).

Before teaching at Wayne College, she worked with students of all age groups. Uitto’s “love of children, especially children with special needs” allowed her to work with preschoolers, elementary students, middle and high school students.

She truly enjoys being employed at Wayne College. She loves the students and she’s very happy to have such helpful colleagues.

What class is Uitto teaching? Why, she’s an Intervention Specialist instructor. As mentioned earlier, her goal is to instruct students who are interested in working with children with disabilities.

“Just in the state of Ohio, there are over 500 jobs in this field,” said Uitto.

She has one son and a beautiful granddaughter. For recreation, Uitto loves to go to the beach, especially with her two-year-old granddaughter.

She also enjoys reading.

Dr. Ronald Runeric

by Mike Vamos, writer

all his life”. Born on Sept. 22, 1951, Runeric grew up in Youngstown, Ohio. After high school, he attended Youngstown State University where he received his bachelor’s degree. Later, Runeric attended The University of Akron where he received both his master’s and doctorate degrees in the Management of Coldwater Fisheries (a.k.a. Natural Resources). His main focus was investigating seasonal precipitation and fauna in Pennsylvania.

Since 1997, he has taught Social Geography at The University of Akron Wayne College.

What more does this “vagrant” do? In 1986, he married his wife Donna. The have no children however, they have five “kitties” and two “bow-wows.” They live together in Akron, even though they would prefer to live in northern Ontario. Runeric loves to fish, finding the sport to be the most interesting.

Northern Ontario and the northern Rocky Mountains, especially Montana, are his most favorite vacation spots.

Perhaps after a long career at Wayne College, the Runerics will retire to Northern Ontario.