Wayne Volleyball Players Earn ORCC All-Conference Honors

At its December college meeting, The University of Akron Wayne College recognized four of its student athletes for a successful volleyball season. Receiving all-conference honors from the Ohio Regional Campus Conference were Dani Forrer – First Team, Jessica Heiss and Keri Litman – Second Team, and Liz Heater – Honorable Mention. All-conference honors are voted on by opposing ORCC coaches. Jay Mosley, volleyball coach, presented the awards.

Student Accident Opens Eyes to Winter Driving

by Angela Bases, editor-in-chief

With temperatures often dropping to the single digits, and plenty of snow and wind to go along with it, driving is, well, tough. You know the feeling: your car fishtails and spins above the icy, snow laden road, and you might even slam the breaks, despite a lifetime of being warned against this taboo. Eventually, the sliding subsides, and you’re left clinging the wheel in terror. After all, those ditches weren’t looking so friendly.

This terrifying experience is usually an innocent one. According to the Wooster Daily Record, 17-year-old Wayne College student Alyssa Knupp didn’t just slip and slide, she flipped. “Water, mud and huge clumps of grass filled the car of Alyssa Knupp, 17, Manchester Avenue, Massillon, after she lost control and the car flipped around 8 a.m. on Wednesday,” the Daily Record Reported. “Alyssa Knupp said she held her head up to keep it out of the water that was seeping into her vehicle.”

The Daily Record then revealed that luckily, a maintenance worker saved the girl. “The two of them forced open the vehicle’s door. Stewart reached for his knife and cut away the seat belt,” the Daily Record reported. “The two pulled Alyssa Knupp out of her vehicle, and Stewart placed her in his truck to keep warm.”

The accident certainly opens eyes: what do you do if you lose control of your car? Wayne College police officer, John Carroll, offered his own advice. “Use some good common sense and slow down,” Carroll said. “Always use caution when you’re on ice.” Caution, however, is not all you need. Staying calm is key. Keeping a full tank of gas, capable tires, and maybe a couple blankets in the back seat won’t hurt either.

Tips for Safe Winter Driving

• Drive with your headlights on.
• Slow Down! Give yourself extra time to reach your destination when roads are icy. Consider delaying your trip.
• Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows - stay at least 15 car lengths (200 feet) back and don’t pass on the right.
• Watch for icy surfaces on bridges, even when the rest of the road seems to be in good condition.
• Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra seconds to react.

Tips from: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter/
Many Ways to Communicate But are we listening?

by John Calvey, writer

I was sitting alone in the Filling Station one evening this week along with about twenty other of my fellow students. I pondered on the state of inter-human communication or casual conversation in the internet age. Normally in this situation there would be instances of polite pleasantries and maybe a few of these would lead to amore in depth sharing of ideas, perhaps even a friendship or two would be established, who knows.

Heck, if it wasn’t for an annoying conversation trying to strike up a rather rude conversation with my then

sons, plus someone to find my lost eyeglasses. I guess I am just concerned that we may use the endless options and opportunities we are presented with that allow us to- reach out and touch someone with- out physically being there and can inhibit direct one-on-one, person to person contact. If I hadn’t interfered in that smokey bar twenty-years ago I wouldn’t know what I was missing today. But since I did overhear and intercede I have been blessed in many ways... now if you will excuse me I have a call coming in.

The Smucker Learning Center

by Sonya Wagner, writer

The Smucker Learning Center here at Wayne College provides free assistance to students for their classes. In the Learning Center they have many peer tutors in almost all of the subjects at the college. Peer tutors are students who have taken the class and have received good grades. There are also professional tutors in math and English. The writing tutors can review a paper of yours in any subject, to proofread, and to help with citations. There is a computer lab in the Learning Center that is specifically for students. It is open the entire time the Learning Center is open, and all the computers are setup with most, if not all programs you may need in your classes. Also in the learning center there is a room dedicated to the sciences, with models to help you out in your classes. You can borrow videos on a variety of subjects and watch them in one of the rooms. The goal of the Smucker Learning Center is to help you succeed in your classes. Any questions you may have just stop by and ask!

Poetry Prose and Accoustical Jam and Waynessence

by Jackie Hart, writer

What do the Poetry, Prose and Acoustical Jam (PPAJ) and Waynessence have in common? It’s not the fact that both outlets support poetry and prose writing, nor is it the fact that Waynessence is one of the sponsors of the PPAJ. It’s the connection of an individual. An individual who has been working with the staff of Waynessence since January 1999, her first semester at Wayne, and the help of many individuals at Wayne College, this same individual has coordinated the PPAJ since February 1999. The connection is Dr. Susanna K. Horn, coordinator of Developmental Programs at Wayne College. Dr. Horn is also the co-advisor of Waynessence, coordinator of the writing consultants and coordinator of the PPAJ. Dr. Horn is one of the many professors at Wayne College who believe student’s come first and exhibits this through her involvement with student-centered activities. Read her virtual interview to gain more insight about these events.

My research uncovered the founder of the PPAJ was Marjorie Kell in 1993. The concept came from a then student, Eric Williams. Would you be able to provide any additional details or interesting tidbits about the PPAJ?

Marjorie now works on the Akron campus, but she makes it a point to attend PPAJ each year. Eric Williams is now a college humanities instructor. Russ Pugh, one of the original student performers now oversees maintenance at Wayne College and continues to entertain audiences in the local community. Professor Gary Bays is another long-time participant in PPAJ.

Will there be any special highlights for this year’s event?

Carl Sabich’s photography students will display a photo show on the bulletin boards at the entrance to the Filling Station.

Who are the sponsors for this event?

Waynessence, the Smucker Learning Center, and AVI [food service], who will supply free coffee & tea.

What was one of your favorite memories from PPAJ?

The combination of watching beginning and experienced writers and musicians is absolutely joyful. Another delight is to watch young writers and musicians develop their talents as they return to perform in PPAJ year after year.

How did the student literary magazine get started?

Wayne College opened in 1972. Vol. 1, no. 1 of Waynessence appeared in Spring 1973 – during the College’s very first academic year! Thenceon, the publication featured poetry, prose, and artwork by members of the Wayne College community. Since Spring 2002, Waynessence has featured shiny paper and a smaller format that better reproduces the stories that you have experienced. Our staff is open to new ideas that you may have in mind.

For avid fans, the Oscars website (www.oscar.com) has provided a printable nominee ballot that can be used to track your own choices. For those interested in the top five categories, here are the nominations:

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Best Actor: Leonardo DiCaprio (Blood Diamond), Ryan Gosling (Half Nelson), Philip Seymour Hoffman (Capote), Will Smith (The Pursuit of Happyness), and Forest Whitaker (The Last King of Scotland).

Best Actress: Penelope Cruz (Volver), Judi Dench (Notes on a Scandal), Helen Mirren (The Queen), Meryl Streep (The Devil Wears Prada), and Kate Winslet (Little Children).

Best Director: Clint Eastwood (Letters From Iwo Jima), Stephen Frears (The Queen), Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu (Babel), Paul Green (United 93), and Martin Scorsese, (The Departed).

The Countdown Has Begun

At this very moment, hair styles, designer gowns, and tickets are being selected for the illustrious walk down the red carpet. A night that has evolved into one of the most glamorous nights of the year. The stars are set to air on Feb. 25, 2007. Ellen DeGeneres will be the host of the 79th Academy Awards.

The first Academy Awards took place on May 16, 1929, just when movies began to talk and winners were informed prior to the airing of the show. The following year, the sealed-velope system was incorporated and is still in use today. For avid fans, the Oscars website (www.oscar.com) provided a printable nominee ballot that can be used to track your own choices. For those interested in the top five categories, here are the nominations:

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