A Tree with a Purpose
by Theresa Mountel, writer

For the past four years, Wayne College has worked with the People-to-People Ministries to give gifts to area children. When the Christmas tree was decorated on November 20, the ornaments included nearly 100 tags marked with gift ideas for boys and girls. Anyone wishing to help out should take a tag (or two), purchase the gift and place it in the box near the tree. You do not have to wrap the gift.

Jackie Ashbaugh, Admissions Counselor and Coordinator of Student Activities encouraged donations. “The Giving Tree is a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff to help those less fortunate during the holiday season,” Ashbaugh said. “It’s what the holiday season is all about, giving, sharing and remembrerring others in our community.”

Ashbaugh also said that because of the simplicity and convenience of the tree, it has been successful in past years. “It’s a very rewarding experience knowing that you gave not only a gift, but maybe a little happiness too, to someone who really needed it,” Ashbaugh said. “As the saying goes, ‘Its better to give than to receive.’”

On Wednesday, October 24 Wayne’s library landing was transformed into a pirate haven—but instead of a traditional bottle of rum—the Wayne College clubs introduced some better alternatives to alcoholic beverages in honor of alcohol awareness week. The mocktail’s competition boasted five festive tables representing the Psych Club, Waynessance, Pre- Dental Club, Student Senate, and the Wayne Mirror. However, there would be no walking the plank for anyone here. Pirate-themed decorations and costumes accompanied by pirate background music invited students to stop for a drink and vote for a favorite. Psych club won best table and best costume. With their pirate ship-themed table and matching costumes and masks, it’s no surprise this group’s efforts paid off. The group even topped off their cherry-flavored drink, Cherry Pi- Rat Tail, with chocolate twizzlers.

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WC’s Talent Show a Hit
by Samuel Polk, writer

Attendees of this year’s Talent Show enjoyed quite an experience! On Monday, November 19, The Filling Station was host to a full house, with spectators overflowing into the above kiosk. With refreshments and popcorn free of charge, one could grab a seat with their hot chocolate, coffee, soda or water in hand, with a bag of popcorn, of course.

As the night unfolded, the audience was gifted with fourteen diverse performances. Included were solo dances, comedians, guitar/vocal performances, a rock band, drum solo and more. Surprise contestants even snuck in off the roster, including a heart-warming rendition of “Amazing Grace” by Cheryl Lipian and our second place winner, Larry Meherg gave the audience a sincere dose of Johnny Cash. As the audience watched on at a variety of performances, it could easily be observed that participants were there to enjoy themselves and show off what they had to offer.

The first place winner was Tyler Reed’s awesome dance mix, forcing cheers and smiles from everyone in attendance. Second and third place awards were awarded to Larry Meherg and Gretchen Pleuss for their vocals/ guitar performances. Awards included a first place check of $100, second place award of fifty dollars, and third place, twenty-five dollars in congratulations. Proceeds from the individual three dollars tickets and donations fully benefitted the Student Emergency Fund. $252 was raised for the organization.

Yo-Ho and a Bottle of Yum: Mocktails Don’t Disappoint
by Angela Bases, editor

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Student Spotlight: Sherri Marti
by Tessa Walters

Sherri Marti is a continuing freshman at Wayne College. Her intended major is Healthcare Office Management. Sherri does very well academically and has made the Dean’s List every semester since she started school. She is also the Student Senate Secretary and works for Crandle Tax Agency. Along with her studies, Sherri keeps very busy.

She is married and has four children Morgan (12), Nathan (11), Brooke (9), and Aidan (4). In her free time she likes to spend time with her family and friends, shop, and she also enjoys sewing. This year she made some very cute Halloween costumes for her children.

If you know of an outstanding student you would like to nominate for this column, please e-mail me at tlw43@uakron.edu. Be sure to include why the student is being nominated and their contact information.

Waynessence Notes
by Mike Vamos, writer

As editor-in-chief of Waynessence, I am very thankful for taking on this responsibility. I work hard and enjoy it doing it. I would like to thank the following people: God, John Lorson, Sue Horn, Carolyn Freelon, and everyone for attending the meetings. Waynessence is the Literary Magazine of Wayne College. Students and faculty members alike may submit any writing work. It can be poetry, short stories, art work, and photographs.

On November 30th, the Waynessence Magazine 2007 Edition will come out. In addition, December 4th was the “Get Published!” Festival. All those who have submitted to Waynessence had the chance to shine and make themselves known for their works, autographing their works, autographing for fellow classmates and faculty.

If you are interested in submitting any work for the 2008 Edition of Waynessence, then please send your work(s) to Carolyn Freelon in Room A-134. If you are interested in becoming a member of Waynessence for 2008, then please contact me at helpmenowlee@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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Staff Spotlight: Patrick Rufener
by Tessa Walters

Patrick Rufener is the new Athletic Director at Wayne College. He holds a Master’s Degree in Organizational Leadership and is currently a Doctorial Candidate.

Along with coaching women’s basketball Rufener also teaches Introduction to Psychology. Rufener’s hobbies definitely relate to his position.

“I like to play basketball and to golf as much as I can,” Rufener said. “It’s great that my job is also what I like to do.”

However there is more appeal at Wayne for Rufener than just the sports department.

Foreign Film Review: Pan’s Labyrinth
by Mike Vamos, writer

There are plenty of reasons to dislike foreign movies: They are always in foreign languages, making the communication barrier pretty high. In addition, there are often distracting subtitles that block at least a quarter of the screen. However, many of them can really be good, but we don’t know about it.

Pan’s Labyrinth, a drama, is one of many foreign movies, and is a superb flick. Although a foreign film (and even misleading by how its DVD cover is portrayed as “innocent”), Pan’s Labyrinth is definitely a film to be watched.

The film commences with a scene from a fairy tale, describing how the Princess of the Underworld decides to escape Hades; sadly she becomes mortal and dies. The whole kingdom grieved for her, especially her father, the King. Yet, he waits for the day when his daughter will return to the kingdom.

Then, the peace fades away and a war-torn Spain unravels in 1944. It is under the dictator Franco’s rule. The main character Ofelia is taken with her mother into a deserted area in Spain. There, the 11 year old girl is trying to cope with the Spanish Civil War and her new but brutal step-father, Captain Vidal. Sadly, all of this angst weighs heavily upon her, and she creates many fantasies from her fairy tale story books that she read. She is able to separate fantasy from reality, but the time comes when she confuses the two.

The Mexican film director Guillermo del Toro both directed and produced this film.

Ivana Baquero stars as Ofelia, and Doug Jones plays the parts of the faun and pale monster.

Pan’s Labyrinth has won numerous international awards, which even includes three academy awards and Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation.

As for my review, I give this movie five stars out of five. This is an ingenious way to portray the Spanish Civil War and the way of life at that time. In addition, it is one of the saddest movies to date. Moreover, the suspense of the film makes you want to see what will happen next. This is an excellent movie.

NOTE: all readers: I strongly caution you that although a drama, this film has many graphic scenes. The movie may seem like a child’s fairy tale (and it is to a certain extent), but because it is based during the Spanish Civil War, many scenes are disturbing. To parents: I strongly caution that you do not allow your children under the age of 14 to not watch this movie. It is rated R.