Addition plans for Wayne College will begin this April and are expected to wrap up in about a year. The first new (separate) building on campus, to be called the Student Life Center, will comprise a multi-purpose space. This 36,000 square foot space will be used for instruction, meetings, groups, speakers, performers, student activities, and community events. It will include new classrooms, offices and teaching spaces for the College’s Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD), a new campus bookstore, dining facilities, a student lounge, offices for student organizations, and a large multi-purpose room.

The Student Life Center and other campus developments were established as planning goals back in 2001 when the College (working with Sasaki and Associates, the same architects who have worked on the new facilities in Akron) created its “Twenty Year Campus Plan.” The new separate building will enhance the campus atmosphere. Walkways between the buildings will contribute to the campus feel as well. Dean Kristofco noted that developing this “campus feel” was an important part of the larger plan, and students have also suggested that new construction at Wayne be separate from the main building. Indeed, some ideas from students have gone into the design of both the building and the student spaces within the building.

The plans don’t end with the Student Life Center, however. Lower D wing (now home to the small and outdated Filling Station) will be completely renovated. It will be turned into student study space, offices for faculty and staff, a computer work area, and a new classroom.

The entire project will cost $8.5 million. $5 million of that will come from capital funds from the college, $1.3 million will come from the state of Ohio, and the last $2.2 million will come from community fundraising, $1.3 million of which has been raised already.

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Lives saved by Wayne College students

by Theresa Mountel, writer

The American Red Cross came to Wayne College on February 4 and collected 24 pints of blood from Wayne College students. That is just one pint shy of Wayne’s goal of 25.

“We had a wonderful turnout. I just hope that the donors that we couldn’t take decide to give us another chance.” Chris Givins of The American Red Cross said.

There were so many students willing to donate, but the Red Cross staff ran out of time. Those wanting to help will get another chance when the Red Cross returns in April. American Red Cross’s website reminds, “for nearly 5 million people who receive blood transfusions every year, your donation can make the difference between life and death.”

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Students Speak Out

by Samuel Polk, writer

“With new additions in the works for our campus, it is only just to turn to students for their personal input on the future construction plans for the year to come. When asked “What are your feelings toward our new building plans?” students responses weren’t unanimous.

“The addition is a good idea because with more room added to the college, students can have more options with classes available and it would be a positive change for the campus.” - Jeremiah Lawson

“They can go without. Everything’s overpriced now, anyway, and students’ money can potentially be saved.” - Francis Gradisher

“It’s nice that more classes can be offered here where students can still take certain courses at our local campus instead of having to go to Akron.” - Corey Durbin

“It’s a good thing because more classes can be offered down here that I don’t have to take on main campus.” - David Kipfer

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“Additions won’t affect me much, as I’ll be up at main campus. I think it probably would be for the better. It would provide much needed space for additional classrooms.” - Steven Reutter
**April Showers, Not February**

by Samuel Polk, writer

As the month of January wrapped up, February stepped in. But, wait! What’s Cupid holding behind his back? A bouquet of rain clouds, that’s what he’s holding. What a thoughtful, romantic little man Cupid is. In all seriousness, though, the week of our campus region received was pretty hefty. Overflowing rivers spilled over roads, sparking detours for many usual school routes. A few tips may prove helpful for the next time Ottrville rains buckets on students.

It’s a known fact: first rainfalls make for the worst road conditions. Precipitation lifts oil and grime off the streets, lessening the friction between a vehicle’s tires and the road surface. An extra car length or two allows for an increased braking distance in the case of an unanticipated stop. When following a vehicle, it’s also proves wise to remain in the previous driver’s tire tracks. These cars have already met and avoided the surprise road obstacles that result from heavy rainfall.

**Zippy Wins 14-0!**

by Tessa Walters, writer

Zippy said, “It was great to hold a 14-0 record, and that could not have happened without all of us.”

Zippy is very grateful to all of his fans. “I know it gets hard juggling your studies and everything. Don’t give up. Thanks for all of your support and I hope to see you at all of our sports functions. It’s nice to look up at the games and see what awesome supporters we have. Keep up the good work!”

**Area Churches Sponsor Youth Rally**

by Tessa Walters, writer

It has been a very busy weekend in Rittman. On February 15, area local churches sponsored a youth rally-lock-in at The Rittman Recreation Center. If you enjoy working with youth, this was the place to be. For a fee of $5.00 you could enjoy games, swim, and all the food you could eat. From 7pm to 1am it was fun and food galore! There were so many ladies that took the time to cook and bake treats for the kids. There was awesome pizza from East of Chicago Pizza in Rittman. There were around 170 youth and adults at this event. Activities included devotions and worship given by Pastor John Castle and The Rittman Community Free Will Baptist Church youth choir, swimming, basketball, and pretty long game of volleyball.

The youth choir sang and it was such a blessing to hear. This church really has a group that loves God and they are not afraid to show it. It is great that so many people came out to give their support to this event. It was a huge success and there will be more of these activities in the future. It was nice to know our youth have a place they can go to for fun and fellowship in our community. Thanks to all of the people who worked so hard to make this night of fun such a success.

**The Scoop on the Hoops**

by Theresa Mountel, writer

The men’s basketball team had a period of adjustment this year. With a new coach, Rodney Mitchell, and his courage to make positive and necessary changes. The Warriors did however, get a boost when three players joined after the winter break.

Darryl Cabahug, the “floor general” did a terrific job of running the team. The game at Rochester on January 25th, Cabahug scored four points in that game. The man’s basketball team won with a 14-0 record. Zippy is very grateful to all of the students and everyone else who took time out of their day to vote for me,