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Student Deaths Devastate Wayne

by Angela Bases, editor

The deaths of Wayne College students Crystal Learn and Rachel Rein left fellow students and faculty devastated and shocked. Both girls died on October 29, and they will not be soon forgotten in the halls of Wayne College, or in the hearts of friends and family.

Crystal Learn was twenty-one years old and a resident of Seville. She was described by Professor Helen Walkerly as a very good student that was devoted to her work. Professor Walkerly had Crystal in her Social Service Techniques course and her Social Services Practicum Seminar.

"Her classmates really thought highly of Crystal," Walkerly said.

Crystal was in the Social Service Technology program and would have graduated in December.

Rachel Rein was also twenty-one and had a bright future awaiting her as well. Professor Colleen Teague thought highly of Rachel.

"When you think of Rachel, the first thing that comes to mind is what a caring person she was. She really enjoyed her friends, and had a beautiful smile."

Professor Teague attended Rachel's service, and admitted to a feeling of relief.

"The services were wonderful. The minister and her friends did a good job talking about who she really was."

Rachel Rein was an intern at Wooster Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center. She was in the health care management program at Wayne. She was only one class shy of graduating.

On behalf of the students and staff of Wayne College, we express our deepest sympathy to the families of Rachel and Crystal. Their contributions as terrific young women will be forever remembered.

America: Forever a Divided Country

by Mike Vamos, writer

November 7, 2006, was Election Day in the U.S. Overall, the Democrats now have the advantage in the White House: 229 seats over 196 Republican seats in the House of Representatives and a 51 seat rule to 49 seat Republican rule. In the state of Ohio, the gambling act failed, while the universal smoking ban passed. However, there is a mixture of feeling concerning the results of this past election.

At The University of Akron Wayne College, a myriad of opinions keeps a division amongst the students on both local and national issues. One Wayne College student commented about the national level results.

"I am not happy with the results of the election because the Republicans have lost most of their control."

Another student had an opposing view point.

"I'm glad that the Democrats have won, at least they can put some more order in this country."

Locally, there also was some division over the smoking and gambling bans.

"Too bad that Issue 3 didn't pass because the gambling could've generated money for Ohio," said one student. "However, I'm glad that there's a smoking ban!"

Another student, however, dislikes the smoking ban, replying that "even though I don't smoke, it isn't fair to those that do smoke because they won't be able to smoke anywhere in the public."

One may ask: will we ever agree on anything?

Wayne College Administrator Recognized for Excellence in Education



state for their achievements and dedication to teaching. This year it will recognize Ohio's top 150 college and university professors. Professors receive this special recognition as a result of being recommended by an administrator or colleague from their college or university.

In addition to her teaching duties, Popovich also is the associate dean of instruction at The University of Akron Wayne College. "I enjoy having both perspectives of education in my job: working with students as they develop their learning skills and working with faculty as they strive to continuously improve their teaching," she says.

Popovich came to Wayne College in 1998,

following the retirement of the previous associate dean, Bob McElwee. Popovich is the chief academic officer for Wayne and is responsible for faculty and academic programs. She also oversees instructional support centers including the library and the Smucker Learning Center.

Popovich spent 10 years at Auburn University as assistant dean and associate professor in the college of human sciences prior to her arrival at Wayne. She earned her bachelor's degree in dietetics from The University of Akron, a master's degree in education from Pennsylvania State University, and a doctorate in family resource management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Institute.

Orrville, Ohio, Nov. 7, 2006 – Dr. Paulette Popovich, associate professor of associate studies at The University of Akron Wayne College, will be acknowledged in *Ohio* magazine's 2006 *Excellence in Education* recognition program.

The December 2006 issue will be the fourth annual presentation of *Excellence in Education* by *Ohio* magazine. The magazine recognizes professors throughout the

Christmas Around the World

by Mike Vamos, writer

December 6 is one of the most beloved holidays celebrated around the world: Saint Nicholas Day. "Christmas Around the World," Cheryl Lipian, a talented Wayne College

student, will give a concert and lead the audience in familiar Christmas carols. From 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Filling Station come by, listen, sing along, and enjoy the pastries and

hot refreshments. This event is sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ and the Student Senate.

Smokeout and Turkey Bowling Aim to Help

by Chris Courtney, writer

Thump! Rumble... rumble... CRASH! What could that sound be? Someone tripping during a thunderstorm? Nope, sorry. It's the sound of a frozen turkey hitting the floor and sliding into a bunch of plastic bottles with pebbles at the bottom.

That's right, there was turkey bowling on Thursday, November 16 on the library landing from 11 until 2. It was held to help raise awareness for the Great American Smokeout.

The booth had several papers focused on helping students and faculty quit smoking. The papers included hotline numbers and quitting tips. Among these tips were suggestions such as cold turkey, or taking it one day at a time.

The booth had a laptop displaying a website that showed how much money a student could save over a lifetime by quitting.

If a person smoked a pack a day starting at 18, with the rate of inflation, the person will have spent almost \$200,000 by the time they reached 69.

Jean Calvert helped with the turkey bowling and the psych club's fundraiser.

Sadly, she said that not many people stopped by to bowl. Jean also said that there was more success last year with massage therapy and other assorted activities.

Hopefully the smokeout activities were successful for some students or staff, and maybe the turnout will be better next year.

Presidential Bogeyman

by John Calvey, writer

(This rant was written a week before the election and John is such a lazy liberal leftie that other than adding this note he didn't bother to write an updated article.)

The President was interviewed a couple weeks before the election on ABC's Sunday news magazine *THIS WEEK with GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS*. President Bush claimed he never said "...stay the course." I'll just laughed to myself and marked it down as yet another lie told by this President and his neo-con Republican cohorts. He has lied his entire presidency. Just think back to our generations Day of Infamy, 9-11-2001. But before I let off some steam a little history lesson...

According to the calendar at that time, Mr. Bush was president about eight months when our country was attacked on 9/11. (Heck, Reagan was President just hours when he was given credit for freeing the American Hostages held in Iran.) We all watched, glued to the screen, some in person on the chaotic streets of New York, some in disbelief in Pennsylvania, or D.C. as the symbols of the American empire, the Pentagon and the World Trade Center's Twin Towers were attacked, burned and collapsed. Together we saw the carnage; together we grieved. No Republican

grief, no Democratic grief, just American grief, shared pain and stunned surreal disbelief.

We saw this in real time as it happened. It unfolded live on national TV. We all saw this. He was President eight months when this happened. Remember the facts that quickly surfaced in the following weeks and months. All the hijackers were from Saudi Arabia except one from Egypt, they were trained by Al Qaeda in Afghanistan with the permission of that nation's rulers, the Taliban. However, no one could tie Iraq to the attacks. So our President righteously attacked Afghanistan, overthrew the Taliban routed Al Qaeda and began hunting down Osama Bin-Laden. Then he beat the drum to oust Saddam Hussein for aiding in the attacks on September 11th and for stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. His call for a war worked, we attacked Iraq, and we roll to Baghdad like a hot knife through butter.

Next image: the soldier President who served his Nation so bravely in the 60s in the Texas Air National Guard, lands on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln, stands before the banner Mission Completed, when only about 139 brave soldiers had died in the Iraq War. There he states "Major combat operations have ended in the battle of Iraq. The United States and

our allies have prevailed." And "The War on Terror is not over, yet it is not endless. We do not know the day of victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide." Since the tide has turned in our favor another 2,722 American soldiers have died.

Meanwhile, President Bush is sitting at an ABC recording studio being interviewed by George Stephanopoulos. He is telling the American public that he had never said "stay the course" in regards to the Iraq War.

How he can claim that? How can he claim that his administration and the Republican Party in congress can and did protect us as a Nation today? He didn't do his job on that fateful date of September 11, 2001. He either lied to us concerning weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in the build up to war, or he is such an inept administrator, surrounded by incompetent yes men and ideologues, that he was incapable of thoroughly researching the CIA and military intelligence about Iraq. Yet the voters with this evidence put before them and backed up by experts still voted for the administration that allowed our country to be physically attacked. And worst yet they said they believed that the Republicans could protect them. The American public, by and large, sat back and let this

incompetent administration and his rubber stamp Congress strip away the very sacred civil rights that make our country unique: laws and rights meant to protect is such as habeas corpus. In the name of fear we have given up our most basic right-the writ of habeas corpus. Now no matter whom you are; a Muslim male or NASCAR Dad, or an evangelical minister cruising on the down low wired on meth, your President can have you arrested, locked up and never told why, never be able to seek an attorney, never be able to tell your loved ones where you are (if you even know where you are, because you might be in a secret prison in Europe or the Middle East or some where else).

Why are we, as a nation, in such a situation? Because of fear, fear of the unknown, fear of the changing world, fear of people who are different than us, not terrorism, not the Iraq war, but because we, as a nation, are afraid and, like children, we want someone to protect us from the bogeyman. I for one, think the bogeyman is the product of the Republican National Committee. Are there terrorist out to get us? Yes, there are. Are there great changes going on in the world? Yep. Should we be frightened? Should our collective senses be tingling? I know mine are. But we should not do this

in a hysterical, fear based way. We should approach it calmly; we should assess the situation with our best efforts, continually. We should do this not in a politically partisan way but in cooperation. America's security is not a political football. You don't raise the stupid color code to amber or maroon or whatever silly color code the top level is just around election time and scare those poor ignorant voters who only hear sound bites. But that is exactly what the Republicans do. The message they repeat, repeat and repeat is "ooo look out! The Democrats will let the scary terrorists in! They will be soft on the radicals! Ooo only we, the Republicans, can make you safe. BULLLL\$&!>%!. Bush was President when we were attacked! He failed to protect our nation. His administration led us into a war of choice! And if you want more lies and deceit, go ahead and vote Republican and, yes, you know what you'll get. More of the same-old-same-old, more of the mushroom treatment-kept in the dark and fed cattle waste.

Wayne College—Small but Satisfying

by Kate Turner, writer

When my mom first suggested going to Wayne College, my heart sank. No dorm rooms, no big parties, I would live at home, and I would meet very few new people. I knew that it would help out the family if I came here, so I agreed.

On the first day of school, I was not in the best mood. Naturally, I was a little nervous because I was a freshman all over again. I didn't think I would know anyone.

As soon as I pulled in I realized the first perk of Wayne: no paying to park. I parked maybe 30 yards from the building. I really gained appreciation when my friends, who were away at college, called me and complained about their

long walks across campus in the rain and cold. When the snow starts to fly, and I only have to walk 30 yards to the door, you can bet I'll have a big smile on my face.

After my first week, I realized something else that was great: all of my classes had no more than 20 people in them. There is a very beneficial teacher to student ratio, and this really helps when tests pop up. The professors are humble as well; they don't have a high and mighty, "I'm a professor, I know everything" attitude. They are down to earth and really want to see you do well.

I have made plenty of friends mostly because of the small size of Wayne.

You almost have to meet people, and the couches above the Filling Station provide the perfect opportunity to do just this. With all of the students that gather in the same area, you end up talking. I made quite a few friends just sitting up there.

So yes, you are most likely living at home, but you have your own bathroom. You're not sharing a restroom with an entire floor, which may include some students you would rather not meet up with. No, there are not any big dorm parties, but you don't have to worry about any RAs getting on your case. There won't be any campus police finding you passed out in a bush

somewhere, either. Wayne may be small, and may not be what you think you want coming out of high school. But think of the college in a positive light, and if you give Wayne a little effort, it will return the favor ten-fold.

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