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### **SUMMARY: WAYNE COLLEGE PARTICIPATES IN GEOCACHING GAME**

Orrville, Ohio, Oct. 29, 2007 – The University of Akron Wayne College is participating in geocaching, a worldwide game dedicated to Global Positioning System (GPS) users.

Geocaching is a technology-driven version of a treasure hunt. The game involves a GPS user hiding a container and its contents and publishing the exact coordinates so other GPS users can find it. The contents of the containers are typically simple, a pencil or some other small trinket. There is also a logbook in the container that the finder uses to write his or her name and thoughts about the visit. Geocachers are supposed to take something from the container and leave something of their own in it.

Dr. Adil Wadia, assistant professor of geology, has used GPS in most of his classes. “GPS is the technology for numerous applications in addition to navigation. It has gained, and will continue to gain, popularity in the near future.”

Wayne College’s Web Editor Alan Boettger also was instrumental in involving the campus in the geocache game. “We’ve made it sort of a tradition to do this while visiting our out-of-state relatives or while on vacation,” says Boettger. “It’s a good way to get the family involved outside and hiking while still doing something together using some amazingly fun technology.”

The coordinates for the Wayne College geocache are 40° 51.697’ N and 81°47.261’ W. The container will be located somewhere on the college’s 160-acre campus, but not in the building.

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Wayne College is a regional campus of The University of Akron, and offers the first two years of general bachelor's degree courses for students who plan to complete their degrees at the Akron campus or other colleges and universities. The general education transfer program also leads to the associate of arts degree or the associate of science degree. In addition, Wayne College can prepare students for a variety of paraprofessional and technical careers in business, industry and public service by offering a range of occupational education programs. The campus is located at 1901 Smucker Road in Orrville.

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