Wright State University Theatre presents the Tony Award-nominated and Grammy Award-winning production of Smokey Joe’s Café from January 22 to February 1 in the Festival Playhouse.

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Wright State to offer Ohio’s first master’s degree in renewable and clean energy

Wright State University, the University of Dayton, Central State University and the Air Force Institute of Technology have joined forces to start Ohio’s first master’s degree program in renewable and clean energy. Students can enroll in the two-year program on a full-time or part-time basis. Courses will be taught by faculty from the four institutions, and students will earn a degree from either Wright State or UD.

The program will provide students with knowledge of a number of renewable and clean energy technologies such as: solar energy, wind energy, hydropower, fuel cells, hydrogen fuel, clean coal and nuclear energy. The new master’s degree will give Ohio a supply of future engineers and researchers in the critical field of energy.

The program will operate within Wright State’s Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering and the University of Dayton’s mechanical and aerospace engineering department. The Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute, a consortium of graduate engineering programs, will facilitate articulation and transfer to provide access to courses at all of the partner institutions. Classes will focus on the development of energy-reducing design techniques, renewable energy and manufacturing systems, and better forms of solar energy, fuel cells and biofuels.

Potential students include professionals looking to upgrade their skills, undergraduate engineering majors, current engineering graduate students and international students. Other engineering majors can also benefit by taking the program’s courses as electives, bringing renewable energy to related engineering disciplines.

James Menart, professor of materials and mechanical engineering at Wright State, and Kevin Halliman, chair of UD’s mechanical and aerospace engineering department, proposed the program to the Ohio Board of Regents. Both will direct the new program and teach classes at their respective institutions.

“It is very important that we start educating our next generation of engineers in how to power our society, other than through the use of fossil fuels,” Menart said. “The United States has to develop a renewable and clean energy structure to grow its economy. This program is important to the future of Ohio’s economy as it will produce tomorrow’s trained workforce.”

Other Wright State instructors include Hong Huang, Amir Farajian, Dan Young, Marian Kazimierchuk and Bor Jang, dean of the university’s College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Choose Ohio First scholarships available for STEMM students

In its proposal, “Growing the STEMM Pipeline in the Dayton Region—Becoming an International Center of Excellence for Human Effectiveness/Human Performance,” the Dayton Regional Collaborative recognized the region’s need for a STEMM-educated workforce and requested the Choose Ohio First funding to award scholarships in those areas.

By 2011, more than 1,200 jobs in the areas of human effectiveness/ performance, sensors and information technology will be relocated to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a result of the 2005 Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC).

“In the coming years, the Dayton region will need thousands of new employees to fill these and other anticipated openings in the STEMM fields, including aerospace, information technology, advanced materials and manufacturing, and human sciences and health care,” said President David R. Hopkins. “Investing in people is crucial for our future success. These Choose Ohio First scholarships for students in STEMM disciplines represent higher education’s contribution to the future of Ohio.”

Representatives from eight universities and colleges, along with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, celebrated the launch of the Dayton Regional Collaborative Choose Ohio First scholarships totaling nearly $4 million. The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and current college students interested in pursuing careers in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.

Scholarships totaling nearly $4 million are now available for graduating high school seniors and current college students interested in pursuing careers in the STEMM fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine. These competitive scholarships are the result of a tremendous community partnership. Eight institutions of higher learning joined together to form the Dayton Regional Collaborative, consisting of Wright State University as the lead organization, Central State University, University of Dayton, Wittenberg University, Clark State Community College, Edison Community College, Sinclair Community College and Southern State Community College, along with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and more than 450 representatives from government, industry and health care.

To apply for a scholarship, go to www.wright.edu/chooseohiofirst
Laura M. Luehrmann, associate professor of political science and director of the international and comparative politics master’s program, is the 2008 recipient of the International Education Award. President David Hopkins presented Luehrmann with the award on November 18 during an International Education Week reception.

The International Education Award, now in its seventh year, seeks to recognize members of the Wright State community who actively further international efforts on campus. The award was established to highlight innovations in international curriculum development, the operation of study abroad activities and the provision of services to international students and scholars.

“Laura has consistently worked to promote international awareness and understanding at both the undergraduate and graduate level at Wright State University,” said Colleen Finegan, chair of the teacher education department, who nominated Luehrmann. “Additionally, she has been very active in the broader community, working to promote these same initiatives.”

Luehrmann, a native of Dayton in international studies, earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia, a master’s degree in international relations and comparative politics from the University of Pennsylvania, and a doctorate in political science from The Ohio State University. She has been active in the Dayton community as a mentor or lecturer when needed, and was selected as the program’s first director. Luehrmann also co-advised the highly successful WSU National Model United Nations team from 1999 to 2005. She continues to remain active with the team, stepping in as a mentor or lecturer when needed.

Luehrmann led the university’s grant pursuit to promote Asian studies on campus and advocated for Mandarin language classes to be offered at Wright State. Luehrmann helped develop the international and comparative politics master’s program and was selected as the program’s first director.

I hope 2009 brings each of you personal and professional fulfillment. Remember, this is our time—a time to persevere, a time to hope and a time to think about the future. Today, we live in a knowledge-based economy where talent and innovation is key to our future prosperity. It is this spirit of innovation that will get us through any tough times that may lie ahead.
Wright State’s Model UN team travels to China

Twelve Wright State University students participated in the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in Xi’an, China, in November. This was the first international conference sponsored by the NMUN.

“The NMUN made this opportunity available as part of its latest strategic plan to continue to internationalize the learning experience and open it to more students,” explained faculty advisor Donna Schlagheck, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Political Science.

The fact that the conference was held in China made the event even more significant. “China is the great rising power of the 21st century and likely to be a major partner of the U.S. in economic, environmental and security matters,” said Schlagheck.

NMUN’s China 2008 was held in partnership with Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), which celebrated its 70th anniversary in Xi’an. According to Schlagheck, NPU is pursuing an internationalization plan, including improvement of its foreign affairs and English language programs. The NPU team, which has attended Model UN in New York for five years, proposed a conference in Xi’an and the NMUN’s Board agreed.

At the conference, WSU students represented the countries of Germany, Belgium and Egypt and addressed economic, environmental and security issues. They were recognized with the following awards:

- Distinguished Delegation —Germany
- Honorable Mention—Belgium
- Honorable Mention—Egypt
- Outstanding Position Paper, General Assembly Plenary—Egypt
- Outstanding Position Paper, Security Council—Belgium
- Outstanding Position Paper, Special Session on Global Warming—Belgium

For head delegate Marcy Marzola, participating in NMUN has helped her acquire “skills that will last me a lifetime in any aspect of my future career plans. Being diplomatic, having excellent technical writing skills and public speaking will help me convey myself and my points in a courtroom and classroom with absolute clarity.”

“The NMUN program was the stepping stone I needed to explore careers and majors in international relations,” said delegate Ryan Godfrey. “Beyond its focus to the United Nations, this program provides students a chance for both professional and academic development. It was during my years in NMUN that I fell in love with the nuances of negotiation and the passion for achieving true compromise. With each new conference, I am provided the opportunity, not only to further my degree, but to get a rare glimpse into the challenges of making meaningful change in the international community. It is this gained passion and perspective that has led me to apply for a joint Master of Arts in conflict resolution and diplomacy at Arcadia University for Fall 2009.”

For some students, China was their first trip outside of North America. “China was one of the best experiences in my life,” said delegate Justin Hoke. “I was able to climb the Great Wall, which was the hardest thing I’ve ever done in my life; the steps varied in height and width, switching to ramps that varied in steepness. The morning we walked to Tiamann Square was incredible; we turned the corner from the subway station, and Mao Zedong’s face was right there. The feeling was indescribable.”

Hoke said his fondest memory is of spending time with a Chinese student named Juny. “Juny went with us to the Muslim Quarter of Xi’an to spend some non-tour guide time with us. She and I exchanged stories of college life and growing up in our respective countries; it was one of the most enjoyable experiences I’ve ever had.”

Other members of the NMUN’s China 2008 team included head delegate Bill Rief, Helena Tranner, Alex Elkins, Pablo Banhos, Vanessa Walton, Tabitha Woodruff, Tiffany Carlson, Kai Heick and Tatiana Lurie.

CONGRATULATIONS

Wright State staff member receives diploma after 22 years

Wright State’s 42nd semiannual commencement ceremony on November 22 was a long time coming for Wright State staff member Bonnie Owens. After chipping away at a college education for 22 years, she has been taking classes as long as many of her graduating classmates are old.

At 49 years old, Owens graduated with a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership.

“Finally,” said Owens, who has worked at WSU for nearly 11 years. She knows the stamina and determination required for working adults, who often earn their degrees “two classes at a time, under stress, juggling family and work.”

“Three years ago I decided to just do it, just plow ahead and get it done,” Owens explained. “I sure hope I can be an inspiration to others to achieve goals that we set for ourselves.”

Owens is already an inspiration for her daughter, Danielle Booth, 29, who is working on her bachelor’s degree at WSU. “She didn’t stop for any reason,” Booth said. “She used all options available to her. I’m very proud of her that she stuck to it and didn’t give up.”

Three generations of the Owens family work at WSU. Bonnie’s father-in-law, Roger Owens, Sr., is a carpenter for Physical Plant. Bonnie’s husband, Roger Owens, Jr., is a painter for Physical Plant. Daughter Danielle is a grants accountant for Research and Sponsored Programs, and Bonnie is a customer services assistant in Physical Plant.

“I am very proud of my wife, Bonnie. The perseverance and stamina it takes to juggle a full-time job, home life, and achieve a college degree should be an inspiration to all of us at Wright State University. It is a privilege to have available to us the vast scholarly knowledge at our fingertips,” said Roger. “By Bonnie completing her degree, this is the next chapter in our lives together and will bring us closer to achieving our goals and dreams. She worked diligently and sacrificed many things to fulfill her goal of receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership. And for that we are looking towards an intriguing future.”

GRADUATION AT A GLANCE

1,463 degrees including:
784 bachelor’s degrees
626 master’s degrees
1 education specialist
2 medical degrees
25 philosophy doctorates
20 psychology doctorates
12 associate’s degrees
226 international students
representing 25 nations
20 Hispanic students
44 Asian students
144 African American students
811 women
658 men

The youngest graduate is 21 years old and the oldest is 61.

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Wright State University
Adventure Summit offers fun for all ages and skill levels

From rock climbing and kayaking to skiing and snowboarding, this year’s Adventure Summit offers something for everyone. “We have events for the very experienced outdoor enthusiast to someone who has never gone on a backpacking trip in their lifetime,” said Amy Anslinger, assistant director of outdoor recreation.

This is the fourth year for The Adventure Summit, which will take place February 20–21 in the Student Union. The event is a joint production of Five Rivers Outdoors, the Outdoor Recreation Department of Five Rivers MetroParks, and the Outdoor Resource Center of Wright State University. More than 5,200 people enjoyed a full weekend of activities in 2008.

During the Adventure Summit, the Student Union is transformed into a venue for indoor and outdoor sports. Wright State’s climbing gym is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba. The real showstopper is outdoors on instruction. The pool is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba. The real showstopper is outdoors on instruction. The pool is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba. The real showstopper is outdoors on instruction. The pool is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba. The real showstopper is outdoors on instruction. The pool is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba. The real showstopper is outdoors on instruction. The pool is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba. The real showstopper is outdoors on instruction. The pool is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba.

A variety of presentations will be offered on topics ranging from hiking the Appalachian Trail to learning to ski. This is for you,” said senior Wesley Moosman, who attended the Adventure Summit for the first time last year. “From how to cook outdoors to how to pack lighter, it’s all down to the basic level.”

“For me as an outdoor person, I get to meet a lot of people who are really good in their fields,” said senior Whitney Steiner, who has been to all three Adventure Summits. “You get motivated to try something different by people who are really excited about what they do.”

Senior Chris D. Burk enjoys the diversity of the activities represented, having so many of the experts that you can talk to and learn from.” Burk, who has seen the Adventure Summit grow dramatically over the last three years, enjoys the snowboarding demonstrations and competition, since he has been an avid snowboarder for the past 12 years.

Ann Bancroft, the featured presenter at the 2009 Adventure Summit, will speak on Friday, February 20, at 8 p.m. The event is part of the Wright State University Presidential Lecture Series. Bancroft is one of the world’s preeminent polar explorers and an internationally recognized leader who is dedicated to inspiring women and girls around the world to follow their dreams. Bancroft’s teamwork and leadership skills have undergone severe tests during her polar expeditions and provided her with opportunities to shatter female stereotypes. She has been named among Glamour magazine’s “Women of the Year” (2001);

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featured in the book Remarkable Women of the Twentieth Century (1998); inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame (1995); named Ms. magazine’s “Woman of the Year” (1987); and honored with numerous other awards for her accomplishments.

The Adventure Summit provides a safe, comfortable environment to learn a new sport.

“IT REACHES PEOPLE WHO HAVE DREAMS OF GOING OUT AND DOING these sports and helps give them the skills to go after those dreams,” said Anslinger.

All events at the Adventure Summit, with the exception of the bouldering competition, are free and open to the public.

Presidential Lecture Series

Danny Glover
January 22, 2009, 7 p.m.
Presented in partnership with the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with additional support by the College of Education and Human Services, the Office of Student Activities, and the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures.

Actor, producer, and humanitarian Danny Glover has been a commanding presence on screen, stage and television for more than 25 years, with film credits ranging from the blockbuster Lethal Weapon franchise to smaller independent features. Glover received the 2003 NAACP Chairman’s Award and the 2006 Director’s Guild of America Honors for his community activism and public service. He has served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program and currently serves as UNICEF Ambassador.

Nicholas Kristof
January 26, 2009, 7 p.m.
Presented as part of the University Honors Program’s 2009 Honors Institute

Nicholas Kristof, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and columnist for The New York Times, was one of the first to call attention to the genocide in Darfur, visiting that region nine times. He was also an early opponent of the Iraq War and is well known as an advocate of women’s rights in the developing world. Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, also a Times journalist, won a Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of China’s Tiananmen Square democracy movement, making them the first married couple to win a Pulitzer for journalism.

www.wright.edu/lecture
All events are free and open to the public.
## Public art project brings stone sculptures to campus

**Some new faces** are greeting students as they walk to class. Wright State University’s Garden for the Senses is now home to five stone sculptures, each weighing as much as 30,000 pounds. Students, faculty and alumni created the artwork as part of a public art project called Circle of Stone.

Wright State alumnus William Tudor organized the project in 2003 with the Department of Art and Art History to give artists their first experiences carving on a large scale. Artists were invited to carve from pieces of Indiana limestone totaling more than 94 tons. They sculpted the artwork on campus outside the sculpture studio using chisels, hammers and grinders. Several pieces took more than 200 hours of work.

“I began the project hoping to afford students the opportunity to pursue their visions on a scale not typically available to them,” Tudor said. “Circle of Stone is not about having prior experience, but rather gaining experience.”

Given no theme or restrictions, the artists were free to find their own inspiration. Stone Homan, a piece carved by Leesa Haapapuro, adjunct assistant professor of art and art history, tells the legend of a woman who turns to stone because of her sorrow. This sculpture is encrusted with colored glass geodes.

Each NEHC can provide triage for up to 1,000 patients per day, freeing hospitals to focus on more serious conditions rather than minor injuries or illness.

### Security

**We are proud to play a role in spearheading this innovative program to improve the safety and security of all Ohioans.**

--Glenn Hamilton, M.D., M.S.M.

NEHCs provide support to hospitals, primary care offices and other health care systems during emergencies.

“Here at Boonshoft School of Medicine and the National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR), we take our role very seriously. The MEMS places our centers across the state where they are needed, allowing them to respond quickly and provide vital care following an incident.”

Two additional sculptures are scheduled to be installed in the Garden for the Senses next summer. “Each of us has a need to live life a little larger,” said Tudor, who intends to keep the project open.

The title plaque in the garden reads, “Like ripples, may the circle continue to widen, increasing appreciation for art, as well as providing a rich learning experience and inspiration for those who visit the Circle of Stone.”

Anyone wishing to become involved with Circle of Stone as an artist or donor may contact William Tudor at (937) 301-9638.

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**In the event** of a large-scale emergency such as a natural disaster or terrorist attack, hospitals and health care facilities may struggle to meet the immediate surge in demand for vital medical services, especially if their sites and staff are also affected. Emergencies affecting remote areas or complicating the transport of patients can also present serious logistical problems.

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To address these challenges and ensure care providers are prepared to respond quickly and effectively in times of crisis, the Ohio Department of Health collaborated with Wright State’s Boonshoft School of Medicine to establish the Modular Emergency Medical System (MEMS). The primary purpose of the MEMS program is to develop and maintain a statewide network of mobile Acute Care Centers (ACC) and Neighborhood Emergency Help Centers (NEHC). The ACCs and NEHCs provide support to hospitals, primary care offices and other health care systems during emergencies.

“We are proud to play a role in spearheading this innovative program to improve the safety and security of all Ohioans,” said Glenn Hamilton, M.D., M.S.M., professor and chair of emergency medicine for the Boonshoft School of Medicine and board chair of the school’s National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR). “MEMS places our centers across the state where they are needed, allowing them to respond quickly and provide vital care following an incident.”

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Schuster gift benefits Creative Arts Center

If there is one word to describe Benjamin Schuster, M.D., it’s passion. Whether it’s saving lives as a cardiologist over the past four decades or generously donating to a worthy cause, Dr. Schuster lives his life with passion—a passion to help others, a passion for the arts, a passion for teaching and a passion to serve as a positive role model. Wright State’s Creative Arts Center is the latest recipient of Dr. Schuster’s philanthropy. His substantial gift will be used for the modernization and expansion of the Creative Arts Center.

“We teach by being a role model in life. If you give with passion, you will receive so much more in return.”

—Benjamin Schuster, M.D.

The Creative Arts Center opened in 1973 in what was then a state-of-the-art facility. As enrollment in the arts continues to grow and technology evolves at a frenzied pace, the Creative Arts Center must also adapt for the future.

In 2007, Wright State embarked on a campaign to raise $26 million for the modernization and expansion of the Creative Arts Center. While most of the project will be financed with federal support, funds earmarked for the expansion by the university and support from the corporate and foundation community, more than $13 million of private support is needed.

Along with new classrooms, studios and rehearsal spaces, the project includes an in-house film studio for the Motion Pictures program; renovation, modernization and soundproofing of the concert hall; soundproofing of rehearsal facilities; improvements in lighting, humidity and temperature control for the art galleries; a more prominent, accessible entrance to the Creative Arts Center; and additional restrooms for theatre, gallery and concert patrons. Dr. Schuster and his late wife, Marian, have been leading supporters of the arts throughout the Dayton region. They were instrumental in building the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in downtown Dayton.

Dr. Schuster also has strong ties to Wright State, where he has been a clinical professor of medicine since 1975. “It was a natural thing to support Wright State’s creative arts,” he said. “The creative arts elevate the whole spirit of a community. There is an old adage that industry feeds the stomach, but the arts feed the heart and soul.”

As someone who gravitated almost intuitively to the arts in his youth, Dr. Schuster attends Wright State’s theatre productions whenever he can. “They have wonderful musicals and plays and a great art gallery,” he said. “The arts give the university a certain cachet.”

Dr. Schuster’s contribution to the Creative Arts Center and his numerous other philanthropic efforts over the years are the result of his personal philosophy of carpe diem, the Latin phrase for “seize the day.” Growing up in Wisconsin, Dr. Schuster spent most of his youth in an orphanage and attended medical school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on a scholarship and loan. These early years as a recipient of charity instilled in him a lifelong desire to give back and the hope to inspire others to do the same.

“We teach by being a role model in life,” he explained. “If you give with passion, you will receive so much more in return.”

Heroes of Emergency Medicine

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) has selected three physicians and educators from Wright State’s Boonshoft School of Medicine to be honored as “Heroes of Emergency Medicine.”

Glenn Hamilton M.D., M.S.M.; Joan Kolodzik, M.D., FACEP; and Jonathan Singer, M.D., FACEP, all faculty members within the school’s Department of Emergency Medicine, were nominated by colleagues and members and recognized for their significant contributions to emergency medicine, their communities and their patients.

The “Heroes of Emergency Medicine” program is part of a yearlong celebration of ACEP’s 40th anniversary. With 12 honorees selected from medical schools, hospitals and other health care organizations through-out Ohio, the three WSU faculty members represent 25 percent of the state’s “heroes” and the highest number affiliated with any single institution.

“Emergency physicians are on the front lines of America’s health care system, providing the essential community service of emergency care,” said ACEP President Linda L. Lawrence, M.D. “The dedication, passion and commitment these physicians have shown embodies the vision of ACEP’s founders and the ideals of our specialty.”

Dr. Hamilton is professor and chair of emergency medicine and serves as board chair of the Boonshoft School of Medicine’s National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR), an innovative training center he co-founded to pioneer new approaches to civil medical readiness. Dr. Hamilton has served as department chair since joining Wright State in 1981.

Dr. Kolodzik is assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine, director of education/EMS for Premier Health Care Services and attending emergency physician at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. She coordinates annual continuing medical education (CME) programs and activities for approximately 600 practitioners across the Premier network.

Dr. Singer is associate program director and director of scholarly works for the Boonshoft School of Medicine’s emergency medicine residency program and is one of the first professors in the country to specialize in pediatric emergency medicine.
New police dog to improve campus safety

A new officer of the four-legged variety has joined Wright State’s police force. Tito, a 13-month-old yellow Labrador retriever, will serve as the university’s first narcotics dog.

Tito, who is trained to detect illegal substances, will be considered an officer of the police department and will have access to all of the same areas on campus as his human counterparts.

“Tito will patrol all areas of campus and all buildings to create an environment that discourages the use, possession or sale of illegal drugs,” said WSU police chief Michael Martinson.

According to Martinson, the purchase of a narcotics dog resulted from a number of incidents this past fall where non-students came onto campus to sell drugs. Tito’s keen sense of smell enables him to detect illegal substances inside or outside of dormitory rooms and in parked or moving vehicles.

In November, Tito began training three days a week at WSU’s Police Officers Training Academy in London, Ohio. After successfully demonstrating his ability to detect drugs in various environments, such as buildings, cars and lockers, Tito will be sworn in and certified as a law enforcement officer. Police dogs are required to undergo testing every two years to keep their certification.

Even after he is certified, Tito and Sgt. Coy will continue to train for eight hours each week.

Meanwhile, Tito has been adjusting to life as a police dog. He and Sgt. Coy take the police cruiser to and from training and work so Tito can get his “cruiser feet”—the back of the police cruiser is a kennel for Tito.

Tito’s home is with Sgt. Coy and his family. “He’s a new addition to the family,” said Coy. “He received Christmas presents like everyone else.”

Tito’s paycheck is a tennis ball and string. “We’re trying to get him to use a pull toy or tuggee instead,” said Coy. After a hard day’s work, Tito is rewarded with some fun exercise and play in Wright State’s Wingerd Service Dog Park. “He loves it,” said Coy.

With good health, a police dog could serve from eight to 10 years.

Tito, who was purchased by Residence Services, will receive complimentary care by veterinarians in WSU’s Laboratory Animal Resources. PetSmart will donate grooming services once a month, and a non-profit organization will provide a bulletproof police vest for Tito.

Tito and Sgt. Coy will begin regular patrols of campus in January or February. While people may instinctively want to pet Tito, Sgt. Coy cautions against this. “You can’t really come over and pet him a lot, because he is a working dog,” Coy explained.

Tito will work at sporting events or any other campus activities as needed. If he detects an illegal substance on a person, in a dorm room or in a vehicle, it creates probable cause for an officer to search. Tito’s services may also be used by other local law enforcement agencies.

Martinsen and Coy hope students, faculty and staff will view the addition of Tito as a positive step towards creating a safer environment on campus.

“Having a narcotics detection dog on campus adds another resource to the tools available to keep the campus safe. It is important to remember drugs are the root of many secondary crimes such as robbery, theft and assault,” said Coy. “By having a drug dog, we are addressing the root of any possible problems before they could happen.”

Martinsen would also like to acquire a bomb dog for the Nutter Center later this year.

Small business center at WSU to lead regional SBDC centers

The Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Wright State University’s Raj Soin College of Business has been selected by the Ohio SBDC to lead its five centers serving the nine counties comprising Region 4.

As Regional Lead center, the WSU center will oversee the contractual subcenters located at Edison Community College, The Entrepreneur Center, Springfield SBDC, Inc., and the International Trade Assistance Center at EMTEC.

These centers reach out to existing and potential business owners to provide business development services in Montgomery, Greene, Miami, Clark, Shelby, Clinton, Preble and Champaign counties.

Michael Bodey, SBDC director at WSU, will become the regional director for Region 4 while continuing to direct WSU’s center. Bodey, a Certified Business Advisor, developed several business assistance resources during his 13-year tenure at WSU focused on using student teams as well as his own expertise to assist Miami Valley businesses.

“The naming of the Ohio SBDC at Wright State’s Raj Soin College of Business as the regional lead center recognizes our history of providing the leadership and commitment to the economic growth of the region and our ability to develop and manage innovative programs,” said Berkwood Farmer, dean of the Raj Soin College of Business. “This recognition also reflects our college’s success in coordinating with many partners in the common goal of developing and supporting the region’s business community.”

In fiscal year 2008, the Region 4 SBDC program consulted with 923 existing and prospective business owners resulting in 1,044 jobs retained, 83 jobs created, $6,310,000 in capital formation and $7,179,000 in sales increases.

The overall objectives of the SBDC of Ohio Program are to strengthen the small business community, contribute to the economic growth of the communities served, make assistance available to small businesses in need and broaden the delivery system to the small business community.

The SBDC program is funded by the Small Business Administration, Ohio Department of Development and each host institution, such as the Raj Soin College of Business.

Lake Campus awards more than $200,000 in scholarships

Lake Campus and the Western Ohio Educational Foundation (WOEF) Board awarded $211,818 in scholarships for the 2008-09 school year, making this a record year for the scholarship program. In a recent ceremony, 147 students were recognized as scholarship recipients.

Just 10 years ago, the WOEF board awarded only 37 scholarships totaling more than $56,000. Since 1990, more than $1.5 million has been awarded to more than 1,000 Lake Campus students seeking assistance for educational funding. Awards range from a few hundred dollars in book scholarships to full tuition awards.

“You definitely see here is a year of activity culminating with these awards,” remarked Rick Gere, scholarship committee chair, at the ceremony. “Thank you, to our corporate sponsors and our community, and the parents who support this program.”
Art exhibition honors late faculty member

Kimmerly Kiser was an associate professor emeritus of Art and Art History at Wright State University. An active member of the Wright State and local arts communities until his passing in 2006, Kiser taught painting, drawing, color and figure sculpture from 1969 until his retirement in 1995.

Opening January 25 in the Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries, the Kimmerly Kiser Memorial Exhibition will offer a selection of Kiser’s still lifes, portraits and self-portraits—a comprehensive survey drawn from more than 30 years of his work.

Kiser described his working process as “an evolutionary and open-ended one. Problems encountered in one work determine the context of the next. Elements of a previous composition may be revisited, or revised. It involves addition and subtraction and a search for structure and meaningful nuance.”

In a 1995 essay on Kiser’s work, Robert Godfrey noted that Kiser “has spent a lifetime painting within a narrow scope or focus, stalking familiar, everyday objects and imbuing them with magic and mystery through a transcendent touch and light that extend the life of an object beyond its material existence. One feels that the act of painting for this artist is akin to handling and reading a familiar love letter over and over again and being able to glean new meaning and give ordinary words renewed significance.”

Born in 1938 in Hagerstown, Maryland, Kiser received a B.F.A. in painting with a minor in humanities and art history in 1966 from the Philadelphia College of Art in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1969 he received an M.F.A. in painting from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. His work has been exhibited throughout the U.S. and abroad, including the National Academy of Design in New York, New York; Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina; Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio; and The Galleria in Melbourne, Australia.

The exhibition was curated by Julie Anderson, Professor Diane Fitch, and Associate Professor Penny Park. All proceeds from the sale of the exhibition catalogue will benefit recipients of the Kimmerly Kiser Scholarship in Wright State’s Department of Art and Art History.

An invitational exhibition of works by students of Kimmerly Kiser will also be on view. In addition, the 2009 faculty exhibition and the 2009 Faculty Exhibition are on view through March 8.