

# Letter from the President

Wayne Community College's enrollment has reached new heights during the 1990-91 academic year.

Fall quarter 1990 brought the most students the college has ever enrolled in curriculum programs.

Occupational extension and adult literacy programs grew as well.

Furthermore, Winter curriculum enrollment shows a 13% jump over last winter: 2,190 now versus 1,945 then.

These numbers are significant because enrollment growth is used in a formula to determine an institution's level of funding.

With economic difficulties at home and warfare abroad, the increases cited above are somewhat surprising.

A number of reasons have been given for WCC's surge in growth.

First, Wayne Community College has increased its recruitment efforts during the past few years.

As a result, more prospective students know about the quality of instruction and the caring that is shared by students and employees at WCC.

Because we care about students and strive to prepare them for success after graduation, our efforts to keep students enrolled include a full range of services such as tutorial assistance, academic advising, counseling, directed studies, financial aid, and Student Government Association activities.

Another advantage for students and prospective students at WCC is our new campus development.

During the first year our new buildings were in use, literally thousands of visitors saw a new image of Wayne Community College.

As work continues on two more North Campus buildings, we are fast approaching our goal of a unified, permanent campus that reflects the quality of our people and our programs.

Perhaps the biggest reason that more students than in the past are choosing WCC is competition in the world of work.

As unemployment rises and workers are forced to look for new jobs, education and up-to-date training become matters of vital importance.

Higher levels of training will be required for good jobs well into the 21st century, and Wayne Community College will strive to offer that training in response to the needs of our community.

You can help us spread the word about opportunities available at WCC.

By telling your own "success story," and by sharing your experiences here with your friends, relatives, and neighbors, you can offer the encouragement necessary to change someone's life.

And by sharing your ideas and concerns with faculty and staff here, you can help Wayne Community College continue to improve.

G. Herman Porter



Hal Humphreys, left, and Dr. Porter look over construction plans beside C Building.

Photo: Michelle Herring

## Student reacts to crisis

By: Michelle Herring

about an hour expressing a lot of our feelings about the whole Mid East situation.

I supported him in what he had to do and listened to him intently.

He then got out some papers and a notebook and tears filled his eyes. "I need your help," he said.

"I have to go through my room and inventory all my valuables."

We listed items as we came across them, writing down what they were and their serial numbers.

Then we went through his Boy Scout stuff. This collection is truly his pride and joy.

We took a break and went out for supper after we finished sorting through his scouting things.

We put the Mid East situation behind us as if it did not exist.

An hour later we returned to his room to go through his wall closets and drawers.

We wrote down what he had and which family members--either his parents or his brother--would receive which items.

"I think we covered it all," he said as he handed me a power of attorney and a list of things he wanted me to clear out of his room once he left.

By this time it was late and we were tired from all the sorting of things we had done, so he walked me to my car and I left in tears.

When I began this story, my intention was to oppose the United States' action of entering into a war over the Middle East conflict.

However, when the United Nations deadline passed and war broke out, I realized, just as others already had, that this war is not to glorify the greed of oil but to protect our best interests.

Yes, I do still believe that to spill blood over oil is barbaric, but when one dictator attempts to overtake a country for his personal glory, the situation is presented in a whole new perspective.

To quote President Bush, "It is not oil we are concerned about--it is aggression."

The evening that war broke out, I spoke with the wife of a fighter pilot from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Her tension and apprehension were amazing; however, despite all of her fears, she supported her husband and his mission.

It was then that I realized that if she could be so supportive of his bravery, so could every other American.

I think that we all need to pull together and show the troops that we are behind them 100%.

## Bidding farewell

By: Julie Weidner

On Wednesday evening January 9, 1991, Secretary of State Jim Baker met with Tariq Aziz of Iraq for six hours.

After his meeting with Aziz, Baker held a press conference.

Joe called me shortly thereafter.

"I need to see you as soon as possible. Please come over," Joe said.

When I arrived at his SJAFB dorm room, he was shaken.

"I was told today that I'm going to Saudi and that I need to get my things together and organized. They told me to write my will."

Joe wasn't upset about going to the Mid East.

That was his job and he wanted to go. He just didn't want to go through his room or write a will.

Joe was calm when he told me that he had orders for Saudi.

He felt that he finally had the opportunity to serve his country in the way that he wanted to.

He was making the "ultimate sacrifice," as he put it.

Joe and I talked for