

Bright future ahead

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John and April, married for three years, decide to start their own business. They want to open a small coffee shop, but they have no idea where to begin.

Ann dropped out of high school at the age of 16 to care for her newborn child. Now at age 20, she wants to complete her high school education.

Ray, father of four, has worked at the plant for the last 15 years. He just received notification that he is among the 200 people who will be laid off in the next month. He needs to find another job as soon as possible in order to provide for his family.

The above situations are everyday occurrences. Either you have been in a similar predicament or you know people who have. Although their stories are as unique as the people are, they share a common ground.

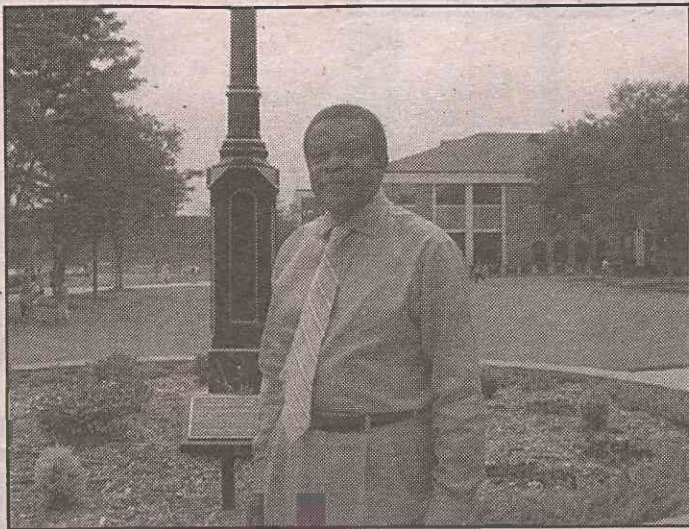


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Roy White is pictured by the Hal Plonk clock on WCC's campus.

They can go to Wayne Community College's Continuing Education department. There, John and April can utilize the Small Business Center and Ann can take the classes necessary to receive her high school diploma or GED. Ray can receive help from Human Resources Development (HRD).

Continuing Education is the non-credit component at WCC. The classes help people develop the skills they need to get jobs. Some of these classes are specialized to meet short-term training needs. A wide range of programs can be set up almost any time of the year in response to requests from local businesses and industries.

Mr. Roy C. White, vice president for Continuing Education and Workforce Preparedness, is proud of the success of the Continuing Education Program.

He is especially enthusiastic about the future. With the opening of the Walnut building on Wayne Community College's campus, some of the CE classes will be held there. The building will also house the Small Business Center and classrooms for Adult High School.

The reason for his enthusiasm is the benefits that this new building will bring. The new space will allow for a state-of-the-art learning environment and training, he said, which will prepare CE students for the future.



One can get a glimpse of the sky through a Walnut tree's limb in this photo taken by Jim Slye.

Natural choice

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On Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1999, the buildings on the Wayne Community College campus were renamed from their class names to those of trees and shrubs local to the area. The Building Committee of the WCC Board of Trustees unanimously approved the name changes.

Ken Ritt, vice president of Educational Support Services, thinks naming buildings after trees and shrubs is a good idea because it is simple and flexible. Building names once reflected the classes that were held inside them. Because classes can be moved, the tree and shrub names prevent confusion.

Azalea

Home of
Mechanical and
Social Sciences



Pine

Allied
Health



Dogwood

Arts and
Mathematics



Holly

Health and
Sciences



Cedar

Energy
Plant



Magnolia

Agriculture
and
Automotive



Oak

Child Care
Center



Walnut

Continuing
Education and
Basic Skills



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