

On-campus center offers state-of-the-art care

Building was the first in Wayne Community's three-phase project

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Want to be able to watch your kids while you're at work? No problem. At least not for the parents whose children attend the Child Care Center in Wayne Community College's Oak Building.

Web cams have been installed in the classroom that can be viewed by parents from their offices. Parents have their own case-sensitive password that can be typed in and allow them to be instantly logged on and see what their children are doing.

While speaking with Miss Delaine Tucker, director of the Child Care Center, she gave me a tour and a rundown of a normal day in the Oak building.

The Oak building doubles not only as a community child care center but also as a hands-on learning lab for students who are enrolled in any child care program here on campus. The teachers employed there are graduates or soon-to-be graduates and are highly qualified, Miss Tucker said. Training throughout the year is

mandatory so that teachers stay up to date.

The center is divided into four classrooms for four different age groups ranging from six weeks to five years.

Each classroom contains visual learning aids that prepare the children not only for school, but for life. Each room has computers with games, such as Sammy's Science House, and numerous other learning tools and computer programs that teach children learning can be fun and educational.

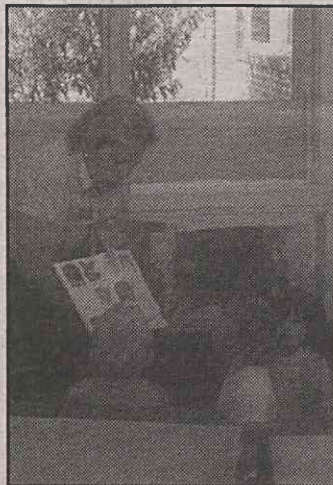
Opened in July of 2003, the Oak building was chosen to be the first of a three-building project funded by a state bond given to the school in 2000. While there had been plans to build a child care center for awhile, the bond money afforded the opportunity to do so.

With modern technology in the classrooms, along with updated computer learning tools, the Oak building is equipped to meet society's great demand for skilled child care workers.

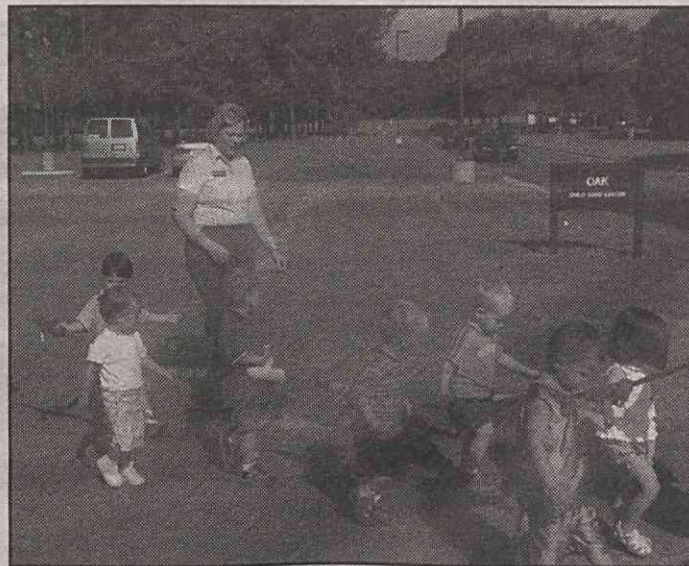


The WCC Child Care Center was the first of the three buildings in the new construction project.

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Delaine Tucker reads a story.



Children at the Child Care Center go for a walk.

Web site tells the world about WCC's progress

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Have you ever wondered how popular the Wayne Community College Web site is? Just ask Brent Hood, the site's designer. He can access a tracker showing that close to 60 countries have viewed it, including Tanzania, The Czech Republic and Qatar.

Since June 13, 2005, there have been more than 67,000 individual visits to the site, and about 300 of those were to the section about the construction of the Walnut building. In a sense, the Web site is not only showing our community the growth of this campus, it's showing the entire world.

People visiting the Web site can go on a photo tour of the

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new Walnut building. A link at the bottom of the page leads to pictures of the building being erected. Much like a time lapse, it features pictures taken at different stages of the construction process.

The first picture you see as you enter the page is a 3-dimensional model rendering of how the new building was expected to look. Scroll all the way to the bottom and there are pictures of the groundbreaking ceremony. While scrolling back up to the top, you can watch as a steel and concrete frame covers what was bare ground. Finally, there is a picture

of the front side taken May 17, 2005, when Walnut was nearly completed.

Thanks to the Web site, what is big news to us as a community is also news to the world. And, with additional information that will be provided in the near future, people from all walks of life will continue to see WCC's growth.

Would you like to go on the photo tour? If so, log onto www.waynecc.edu/home/ce-building-project.htm.

See Campus Voice construction photos, page 8.

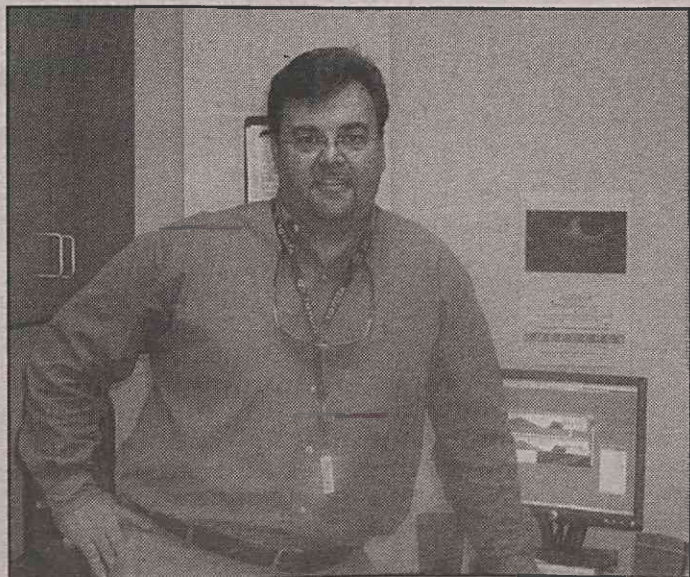


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Brent Hood, Web master, maintains the college Web site.