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Gaming expo led to new degree

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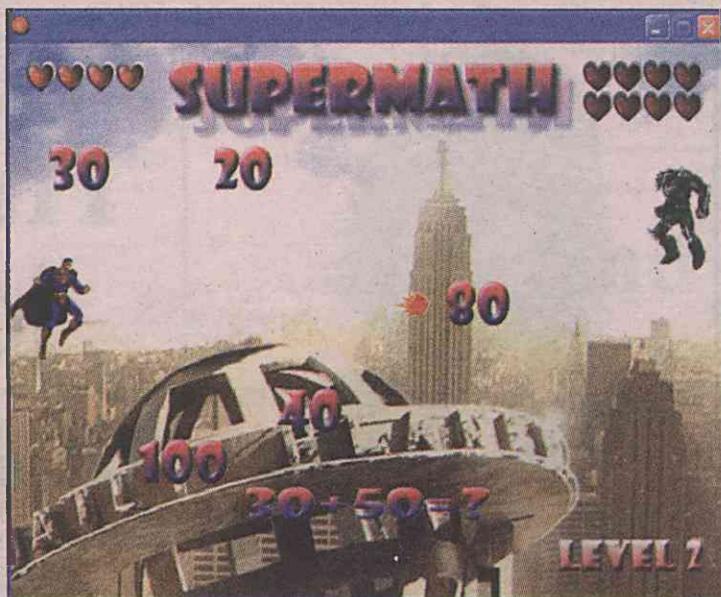
Ever since the Atari was invented, video games have become increasingly popular with each new generation of gamers. Video games have become so popular, in fact, that some colleges offer degrees associated with the gaming industry. Now Wayne Community College has been added to the list.

WCC's journey into video game development began in 2005 when two Phi Beta Lambda members and an EB Games manager proposed hosting video game tournaments and exhibits on campus. To increase the educational value, Computer Technology instructor Michael Everett suggested adding speakers and panel discussions from industry experts.

When the day of the expo finally came, in the spring of 2006, about 750 avid gamers from Wayne and its neighboring counties attended. Pleased with the outcome, Phi Beta Lambda decided to host it for a second time in the spring of 2007.

This time, the attendance nearly doubled with a turnout of about 1,400 people from all over the country. Gamers, designers, marketers, imagers and graphical engineers from as far away as Raleigh-Durham, Jacksonville, Winston-Salem, and even other states, were present for the one-day event.

The attendance convinced Wayne Community College that the gaming industry was something worth investing in. In



This game concept by WCC student Daryn Forehand uses Superman and Domsday to teach young children math.

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Photo of Kay Bradley taken by Matthew Anderson.

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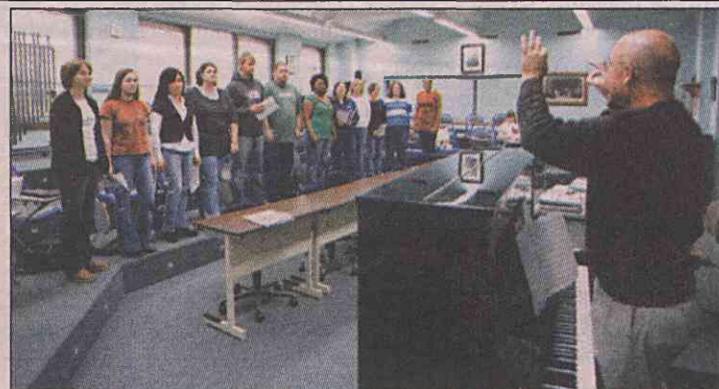


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Steele Sasser conducts the WCC Chorus during a rehearsal in the Dogwood building. The Chorus will perform a Christmas concert Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Moffatt Auditorium. Admission is free. A display of student art will also be presented that evening. See story on page 7.

Music degree may be gone, but arts live on

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Wayne Community College offers an abundance of curriculum choices for anyone who decides to attend. Unfortunately, an Associate in Fine Arts is no longer one of them.

As of last spring, the college was left no choice but to cut this degree from its curriculum.

According to Steele Sasser, a music teacher, "The numbers of applicants were slowly dropping and instructors were hard to find."

The numbers weren't the only problem. Transferring the courses became an obstacle that Wayne Community College could no longer ignore.

Most universities now prefer that students attending college for a degree in music start as freshmen in their institution.

"Most courses would not transfer over to East Carolina University," Mr. Sasser used as an example. The instruction of each institution seemed to differ in content.

Though there is no longer a Fine Arts degree here at Wayne,

the college is still focused on supporting the fine arts.

Wayne still offers chorus, band, piano, and music appreciation.

Dr. Peggy Teague, Vice President of Academic Affairs, says, "People can study Music Appreciation in a classroom or also online." She adds that the college will "also be offering these classes for our Early Middle Program."

Wayne Community College is very proud of its annual choral concerts. One of which, the Fall Choral concert, will be held here at Wayne Community on December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the WLC building. There will be no admission charge.

Though out of Wayne Community's control, a degree was regrettably dropped. The college is still focused on keeping the arts alive.

Mr. Sasser left me with these words, "I am a true believer of arts in schools. Music is a great way to express emotion and personality. Without music, our society becomes barbaric."

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